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1 [There is no reportable action as a result of the
2 Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY, THE SEPTEMBER 26TH
7 MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
8 BEGIN. FIRST WE'LL BE LED IN PRAYER BY PASTOR DOUG HODSON, WHO
9 WAS A MEMBER OF THE -- ORDAINED AS A UNITED METHODIST MINISTER
10 IN 1980. HE SERVES AS THE SENIOR PASTOR OF GLENDORA UNITED
11 METHODIST CHURCH. HIS GRADUATE DEGREES, UNDERGRADUATES WERE
12 FROM CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY FULLERTON, HIS GRADUATE
13 DEGREE WAS FROM PACIFIC SCHOOL OF RELIGION IN BERKELEY,
14 CALIFORNIA. HE CURRENTLY IS HELPING BUILD A HABITAT FOR
15 HUMANITY HOME. IN ADDITION, PASTOR HODSON ENJOYS SPENDING
16 QUALITY TIME WITH HIS FAMILY AND FRIENDS, HE'S A GOURMET COOK,
17 ALSO LIKES HIKING, CAMPING, BACKPACKING, AND TRAVEL. AND HE'S
18 BEEN MARRIED FOR 34 YEARS. AND OUR INVOCATION WILL BE DONE,
19 AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE DONE BY MICHAEL LADRE,
20 CHAPLAIN, POST NO. 314, HAWTHORNE AMERICAN LEGION, FOURTH
21 DISTRICT. SO FIRST WE'LL BE LED IN PRAYER WITH THE PASTOR.

22
23 **PASTOR DOUG HODSON:** SHALL WE PRAY? GRACIOUS AND LOVING GOD, WE
24 COME TO YOU TODAY AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR MANY BLESSINGS UPON
25 US. WE THANK YOU FOR OUR COUNTRY, OUR CITIES, AND ESPECIALLY



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1 FOR OUR COUNTY AND ALL THE PEOPLE WHO WORK ON OUR BEHALF IN
2 ITS ADMINISTRATION, FOR THOSE WHO MAINTAIN STREETS, BUILDINGS
3 AND PARKS, FIREFIGHTERS, LAW ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL, SOCIAL
4 WORKERS, SAFETY OFFICERS, HEALTHCARE WORKERS, ADMINISTRATORS,
5 AND SO MANY MORE. WE THANK YOU FOR THE PEOPLE WHO VOLUNTEER
6 AND WHO SERVE SIMPLY BECAUSE THEY WANT TO HELP THOSE WHO ARE
7 IN NEED, ESPECIALLY THE MOST VULNERABLE OF OUR CITIZENS. WE
8 THANK YOU FOR THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND FOR ALL THOSE WE
9 ELECT AND ENTRUST TO LEAD US IN OUR CIVIC LIFE. WE ALSO ASK
10 FOR YOUR FORGIVENESS WHEN WE DON'T LIVE UP TO YOUR
11 EXPECTATIONS, WHEN WE CARE MORE ABOUT SELF THAN OTHERS, WHEN
12 WE IGNORE THE STRUGGLES OF THOSE IN NEED, WHEN WE FORGET ABOUT
13 YOUR SENSE OF JUSTICE AND PEACE, WHEN OUR CIVIL DISCOURSE IS
14 OVERWHELMED BY RANCOR AND WHEN WE FORGET OUR CONNECTION TO
15 YOUR WILL FOR OUR LIVES. WE HUMBL Y ASK FOR YOUR GUIDANCE AND
16 DIRECTION IN THE DECISIONS THAT ARE BEFORE THIS BOARD OF
17 SUPERVISORS TODAY. BE WITH THEM IN THE PUBLIC HEARINGS THAT
18 THEY MAY LISTEN. BE WITH THEM IN THE MUNDANE DECISIONS THAT
19 THEY MAY NOT LOSE SIGHT OF THE BIGGER PICTURE. BE WITH THEM IN
20 THE OLD AND NEW BUSINESS. BLESS THEM IN THE DISCUSSIONS,
21 ACTIONS, DISAGREEMENTS AND AGREEMENTS. GIVE THEM A FULL
22 MEASURE OF YOUR WISDOM, VISION, AND COMMON SENSE. AND HELP US
23 ALL, OH LORD, AS WE ENDEAVOR TO LIVE TOGETHER AS FRIENDS AND
24 NEIGHBORS. ENABLE US TO EXPERIENCE YOUR GRACE, LOVE AND
25 GUIDANCE IN ALL THAT WE DO. IN YOUR GREAT NAME WE PRAY. AMEN.



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2 **MICHAEL LADRE:** PLEASE FACE THE FLAG, PLACE YOUR RIGHT HAND
3 OVER YOUR HEART AND JOIN ME IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [
4 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE]

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6 **MICHAEL LADRE:** PLEASE BE SEATED.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** PASTOR DOUG HODSON IS THE
9 SENIOR PASTOR OF GLENDORA'S UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, AND WE
10 APPRECIATE HIS COMING DOWN AND OPENING OUR BOARD MEETING WITH
11 PRAYER AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, IT'S MY
14 PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO MR.
15 MICHAEL LADRE, WHO LIVES IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE AND IS THE
16 CHAPLAIN OF AMERICAN LEGION POST NO. 314 IN HAWTHORNE. HE
17 SERVED THE UNITED STATES NAVY FROM 1979 TO 1984 AS A PETTY
18 OFFICER THIRD CLASS ON THE U.S.S. KITTY HAWK. HE RECEIVED AN
19 EXPEDITIONARY NAVY MEDAL FROM THE NAVY, A NAVY GOOD CONDUCT
20 MEDAL, A NATIONAL DEFENSE MEDAL AND A PRESIDENTIAL UNIT
21 CITATION. HE IS CURRENTLY THE DIRECTOR OF A DRUG AND ALCOHOL
22 TREATMENT CENTER. AND HAS LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 29
23 YEARS. SO WE WANT TO THANK MICHAEL FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF HIS
24 VERY BUSY SCHEDULE TO COME DOWN AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF



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1 ALLEGIANCE AND THANK HIM FOR HIS SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY. [
2 APPLAUSE]

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** LET'S BEGIN THE PROGRAM.

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIR PRO TEM, MEMBERS OF
7 THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PUBLIC
8 HEARINGS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 7. ON ITEM NO. 3, AS INDICATED ON
9 THE POSTED AGENDA, AT THE MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2010, THE
10 BOARD CONTINUED THIS ITEM WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO APRIL 26,
11 2011. ON ITEM NO. 4, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, AT THE
12 MEETING OF OCTOBER 19, 2010, THE BOARD CONTINUED THIS ITEM
13 WITHOUT DISCUSSION TO JANUARY 25, 2011. ON ITEM NO. 5, AS
14 INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, THE APPEAL WAS WITHDRAWN AND
15 THEREFORE THE BOARD WILL ABANDON ITS PROCEEDINGS. HOWEVER,
16 THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS
17 ITEM. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE
18 HELD FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING. ON PAGE 5, ADMINISTRATIVE
19 MATTERS, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 8 THROUGH 10. ON ITEM NO.
20 10, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS IS WITHDRAWING HIS MOTION ON THIS
21 ITEM, AND THE REINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** MOTION BY YAROSLAVSKY.
24 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON PAGE 6, CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEM NO. 11.
2 ON THIS ITEM, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO
3 HOLD THIS ITEM.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** ITEM WHAT? 11?

6

7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YES. ON PAGE 7, MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
8 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
9 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ITEM 12-
10 A.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
13 THOMAS, SECONDED, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 12-B.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** MOTION BY -- SO MOVED,
18 SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON THE NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, WHICH
21 WERE POSTED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM NUMBER CS-2,
22 THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS
23 ITEM. AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
25 NO. 1.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** LET ME FIRST BRING UP OUR NEW

3 CONSUL GENERAL. CONSUL GENERAL JEFF GOONEWARDENA IS THE CONSUL

4 GENERAL OF SRI LANKA TO THE DAIS. HE HAS BEEN A MEMBER OF THE

5 -- LET'S SAY HE'S COME TO THE WORLD OF DIPLOMACY FROM A HIGHLY

6 SUCCESSFUL CAREER IN THE PROFESSION OF INTERNATIONAL

7 HOSPITALITY. HE OWNS SEVERAL LEADING STAR CLASS HOTELS IN SRI

8 LANKA'S MOST FAMOUS RESORT AREAS, AND ONE OF HIS HOTELS

9 RECEIVED THE BEST ARCHITECTURE AWARD FROM THE SOUTH ASIAN

10 ASSOCIATION OF REGIONAL COOPERATION. HE HAS SPENT YEARS IN

11 CALIFORNIA AS A PERMANENT RESIDENT, HAS BEEN GREATLY INVOLVED

12 IN RELIEF WORK FOR THE VICTIMS OF KATRINA DISASTER IN

13 LOUISIANA, AS WELL AS THE VICTIMS OF THE 2004 TSUNAMI IN SRI

14 LANKA. HIS OTHER COMMUNITY WORK INCLUDES BEING A BOARD MEMBER

15 OF THE I.M. FOUNDATION, WHICH HAS DISTRIBUTED ONE MILLION

16 TEXTBOOKS EVERY YEAR TO POOR CHILDREN IN 33 COUNTRIES. IN

17 RECOGNITION OF THOSE CONTRIBUTIONS, HE HAS MADE TO SRI LANKA A

18 SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSMAN AS WELL AS FOR HIS GOOD WORKS, THE

19 PRESIDENT OF SRI LANKA, WHO HAD VISITED OUR COUNTRY IN 2007,

20 APPOINTED HIM PRESIDENTIAL CHIEF COORDINATOR TO THE UNITED

21 STATES OF AMERICA, AND HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL IN COLOMBIA AND

22 VENEZUELA. HE'S NOW TAKEN UP HIS POSITION AS A CAREER CONSUL

23 GENERAL OF SRI LANKA IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HIS DUTIES WILL

24 INCLUDE REPRESENTING SRI LANKA IN 11 WESTERN STATES: ARIZONA,

25 CALIFORNIA, COLORADO, IDAHO, MONTANA, NEVADA, NEW MEXICO,



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1 OREGON, UTAH, WASHINGTON, AND WYOMING. YOU COULDN'T WORK IN
2 HAWAII, HUH? MANY OF THE CONSUL GENERALS ALSO HAVE HAWAII.
3 NEXT YEAR. WE'LL TALK TO THE PRESIDENT ON THAT. SO ON BEHALF
4 OF THE 10.5 MILLION PEOPLE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WE WELCOME
5 YOU AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH YOU. [APPLAUSE]

6

7 **JEFF GOONEWARDENA:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
8 HONORABLE MICHAEL ANTONOVICH, CHAIR MAYOR PRO TEM, BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, AND MY DEAR FRIENDS. I'VE ONLY GOT TWO MINUTES TO
10 SAY A FEW WORDS, BUT I WANT TO TALK ABOUT SRI LANKA REGARDING
11 THE 28 YEARS OF CIVIL WAR WE HAVE HAD IN SRI LANKA, THE
12 TERRORISM. AFTER 28 YEARS, TODAY, THE SRI LANKA TOTALLY FREE
13 FROM TERRORISM. MY OWN UNCLE AND MY OWN AUNTIE WAS KILLED BY A
14 SUICIDE BOMBER. ALSO, ONE OF MY DEAR UNCLES, WHO I HAD A CLOSE
15 RELATIONSHIP, HE WAS ALSO KILLED BY A SUICIDE BOMBER. I WANT
16 TO SAY QUICK WORDS, IN 2004 MY PRESENT PRESIDENT, WHO WAS THE
17 FORMER PRIME MINISTER, ASKED ME TO GO TO NORTH AND MEET THE
18 TERRORIST GROUP AND BRING THEM TO A PEACE NEGOTIATION. AND I
19 GOT THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO THERE, TO THE NORTH OF THE COUNTRY.
20 I SPOKE TO AROUND ABOUT SIX TERRORIST LEADERS, THE TOP
21 LEADERS. I BEGGED THEM THE PRIME MINISTER WOULD LIKE TO COME
22 HERE AND HAVE A CHAT WITH YOU AND FINISH THIS WAR, 28 YEARS
23 WE'VE SUFFERED. AT THAT TIME THEY TOLD, YOU GO BACK, WE WILL
24 SEND YOU A LETTER, YOU CAN COME BACK. SO I WENT BACK, I WENT
25 FOR ONE WEEK. A WEEK LATER, I RECEIVED ANOTHER LETTER FROM



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1 THEM. THEN I WENT TO THE AMERICAN EMBASSY, I GOT THE
2 PERMISSION FROM THEM TO GO THERE AND NEGOTIATE, BECAUSE I
3 DON'T WANT TO GET IN TROUBLE WHEN I ARRIVE LOS ANGELES, THEY
4 WILL HARASS ME BECAUSE I WAS TALKING TO A TERRORIST GROUP. SO
5 I GOT THE PERMISSION FROM THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. I WENT BACK
6 AND I TOLD THEM I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU ALL. I WANT TO
7 BUILD A CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND FOR YOU. SO I BUILD A CHILDREN'S
8 PLAYGROUND IN 2004. AND I DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BRING
9 THEM AND WORK SOMETHING OUT WITH THE SRI LANKAN GOVERNMENT.
10 BUT THE FIFTH VISIT, THE LEADER, THE TERRORIST LEADER, TOLD ME
11 THERE WILL BE NO NEGOTIATION, WE WANT A SEPARATE COUNTRY, THE
12 ENTIRE NORTH HAS TO BE IS GOING TO BE UNDER OUR CONTROL. THEN
13 I TOLD IN FRONT OF THEM, YOU CAN HARASS ME, I AM NOT SCARED,
14 BUT I MYSELF PERSONALLY WILL NOT SUPPORT THAT. THAT WILL NEVER
15 HAPPEN, WE CANNOT SPLIT THIS LITTLE PARADISE ISLAND. I CAME
16 BACK AND TOLD MY PRIME MINISTER THAT TIME, WHO IS THE PRESENT
17 PRESIDENT, I TOLD THIS IS THE MESSAGE I GOT FROM THEM, AND
18 THEN AFTER THAT, THEY TOLD ME NOT TO COME, THEY WILL NOT GIVE
19 ME SECURITY CLEARANCE. SO WE DID NOT HAVE THE CHOICE, MY DEAR
20 FRIENDS, I WANT TO TELL THIS TO THE WORLD, WE DID NOT HAVE THE
21 CHOICE. WE DID EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO COME TO A PEACE
22 SETTLEMENT. BUT THEY STARTED AGAIN IN COLOMBIA, HITTING ALL
23 THE MOST IMPORTANT PLACES, BOMBING. SO THAT'S WHY MY PRESIDENT
24 DECIDED TO GO AHEAD AND SOLVE THIS MATTER. AND TODAY, SRI
25 LANKA IS FREE FROM TERRORISM. AND NOT ONLY THAT, NUMBER TWO



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1 STOCK MARKET IN SOUTHEAST ASIA, AND I AM IN THE HOTEL
2 BUSINESS. A FEW YEARS AGO, MY HOTEL WAS 17 PERCENT OCCUPANCY,
3 AND TODAY, OUR HOTELS ARE 98 PERCENT OCCUPANCY. SO I'M
4 INVITING ALL OF MY AMERICAN FRIENDS AND ALSO THE BOARD,
5 PLEASE, YOU ARE WELCOME TO SRI LANKA. AND PLEASE CONTACT OUR
6 OFFICE CONSULATE, WE ARE THERE TO HELP YOU, WE WILL GIVE YOU A
7 ROYAL TREATMENT. SO COME TO SRI LANKA. GOD BLESS YOU, AMERICA.
8 GOD BLESS YOU, SRI LANKA. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** ANY REMARKS, SUPERVISOR
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? (OFF-MIKE
12 CONVERSATIONS)

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE'RE FINE. WE'RE FINE. THANK YOU VERY
17 MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, COLLEAGUES, WE HAVE
18 A SUPERSTAR IN THE HOUSE TODAY, AND SHE IS DANIELLA SILVA. AND
19 SHE'S JOINED TODAY BY HER MOTHER, MARIA THERESA, HER FATHER,
20 VICTOR, AND HER SISTER ALEJANDRA, AS WELL AS HER PRINCIPAL,
21 JOSH HARTFORD. WE'RE DELIGHTED TODAY BECAUSE DANIELLA IS ONE
22 WHO HAS DISTINGUISHED HERSELF AT THE ANIMO PAT BROWN CHARTER
23 SCHOOL. SHE IS AN HONOR STUDENT. SHE'S A NATIVE OF THE SECOND
24 DISTRICT, BORN AND RAISED IN INGLEWOOD. SHE TRANSFERRED TO HER
25 CURRENT SCHOOL DURING HER SOPHOMORE YEAR. SHE WON HIGH HONOR



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1 ROLL IN HER FIRST SEMESTER AT ANIMO PAT BROWN. SINCE HER
2 TRANSFER TO THAT SCHOOL, SHE HAS DELVED INTO CREATIVE WRITING,
3 WHICH SHE ENJOYS AS AN OUTLET FOR EXPRESSION. SHE BEGAN TO
4 WRITE FOR HER SCHOOL'S LITERARY MAGAZINE AND HER TEACHER, MISS
5 HERMANN, ENCOURAGED HER TO APPLY TO INNER SPARK CALIFORNIA
6 STATE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS WHICH IS HOSTED BY THE
7 CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE OF THE ARTS IN VALENCIA. DURING THE FOUR-
8 WEEK PROGRAM, DANIELLA STAYED ON CAMPUS AND COMPLETED DAILY
9 WRITING PROJECTS. NOW EACH YEAR, THE PROGRAM AWARDS HERB
10 ALPERT AWARDS FOR THE EMERGING YOUNG ARTIST TO STUDENTS IN
11 VARIOUS CATEGORIES. NOW, THIS AWARD IS SOME \$40,000 IN
12 SCHOLARSHIP, AND IT'S DISTRIBUTED EVENLY OVER THE FOUR YEARS
13 THAT A GIVEN STUDENT IS AT WORK IN COLLEGE AND/OR AT THE
14 UNIVERSITY OF THEIR CHOICE. AND SO DANIELLA WAS SELECTED FOR
15 THE AWARD IN CREATIVE WRITING BECAUSE HER TEACHERS WERE
16 IMPRESSED BY HER GROWTH AND TALENT AND POTENTIAL OVER THE
17 COURSE OF THE PROGRAM AND THEY WERE CONFIDENT THAT SHE WOULD
18 PUT THE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS TO GOOD USE. AND I THINK WE OUGHT TO
19 GIVE DANIELLA A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE, A BIG, BIG ROUND OF
20 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SHE'LL GRADUATE IN JUNE AND WILL ATTEND A
23 FOUR-YEAR UNIVERSITY. SHE'S PURSUING HER DREAM OF BECOMING A
24 PROFESSIONAL WRITER BY WORKING ON A BOOK ABOUT HER EXPERIENCES
25 AND CHALLENGES WITHIN HER COMMUNITY WHICH SHE HOPES TO HAVE



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1 PUBLISHED WITHIN THE NEXT FEW YEARS. AND SO WE WANT TO SAY
2 CONGRATULATIONS ON RECEIVING THIS WONDERFUL AWARD AND WE WANT
3 TO SAY WE TRUST THAT YOU WILL CONTINUE THE GOOD WORK TOWARD
4 YOUR GOALS. WE HAVE EVERY REASON TO BE CONFIDENT THAT YOU
5 WILL. WE'RE INSPIRED BY WHAT YOU'VE ACCOMPLISHED ALREADY. AND
6 JUST KNOW THAT YOU SET AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE FOR YOUR PEERS TO
7 DO LIKEWISE. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, ONCE AGAIN, OUR RECIPIENT,
8 DANIELLA SILVA. GIVE HER A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **DANIELLA SILVA:** I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THANK YOU TO SUPERVISOR
11 MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR PRESENTING
12 ME WITH THIS SCROLL. I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THE CALIFORNIA
13 STATE SUMMER SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY
14 MOTHER AND MY FATHER AND MY FAMILY, ALONG WITH THE PRINCIPAL
15 OF MY HIGH SCHOOL, MR. JOSHUA HARTFORD, FOR BLESSING ME WITH
16 THE OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND HIS SCHOOL AND FOR JUST GIVING ME
17 OPPORTUNITIES THAT I NEVER DREAMED WERE EVER POSSIBLE FOR A
18 PERSON IN MY COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE]

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE. MR. HARTFORD?

21

22 **JOSHUA HARTFORD:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND ALL OF THE
23 BOARD. WE ARE JUST SO PROUD OF DANIELLA AND ALL OF OUR
24 STUDENTS AT ANIMO PAT BROWN CHARTER HIGH SCHOOL. DANIELLA IS
25 JUST ONE EXAMPLE OF ALL OF OUR STUDENTS AT GREEN DOT PUBLIC



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1 SCHOOLS FULFILLING OUR MISSION OF PREPARING STUDENTS FOR
2 COLLEGE, LEADERSHIP, AND LIFE. SO THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH. [
3 APPLAUSE]

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5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M INSPIRED BY DANIELLA, AND I TRUST THAT
6 EVERYONE ELSE IS AS WELL. BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT WHAT SHE IS
7 ABOUT TO DO, IT'S NOT AT ALL DIFFICULT TO TAKE NOTE OF AND
8 RESPECT ALL THAT HAS BEEN DONE BY OUR NEXT SPECIAL GUEST
9 TODAY. SHE IS THE ONE AND ONLY BRENDA LEVIN, FOUNDER AND
10 PRINCIPAL OF LEVIN & ASSOCIATES ARCHITECTS. SHE'S JOINED TODAY
11 BY HER HUSBAND, DAVID ABEL, AND I THINK FROM THE TOP WE OUGHT
12 TO GIVE BRENDA LEVIN A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR THAT WHICH
13 SHE HAS ACHIEVED, AND I TELL YOU WHAT IT IS IN A MOMENT.
14 BRENDA LEVIN IS IN THE HOUSE, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. [APPLAUSE
15]

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** EACH YEAR, THE LOS ANGELES CHAPTER OF THE
18 AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF ARCHITECTS SELECTS AN INDIVIDUAL TO
19 RECEIVE THE A.I.A. GOLD MEDAL PRESIDENTIAL AWARD, THE HIGHEST
20 HONOR THAT AN ARCHITECT CAN RECEIVE FROM THE ORGANIZATION.
21 THIS YEAR, THEY HAVE SELECTED BRENDA LEVIN FOR THIS
22 DISTINGUISHED AWARD IN RECOGNITION OF HER SIGNIFICANT BODY OF
23 WORK WHICH HAS HAD LASTING IMPACT ON THE THEORY AND PRACTICE
24 OF ARCHITECTURE. MS. LEVIN FOUNDED HER ARCHITECTURAL FIRM,
25 LEVIN & ASSOCIATES, IN 1980, WITH A PASSION AND DEDICATION FOR



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1 URBAN PRESERVATION AND REVITALIZATION. LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,
2 SOME OF HER MOST RECOGNIZABLE AND SIGNIFICANT PROJECTS INCLUDE
3 HER WORK ON THE FAMED BRADBURY BUILDING, THE HOLLYHOCK HOUSE,
4 THE WILTERN THEATRE, THE LOS ANGELES CITY HALL, AND THE
5 GRIFFITH PARK OBSERVATORY, AND I'M SURE ALL OF US HAVE SOME
6 FAMILIARITY WITH ALL OF THOSE VENUES, SOME MORE INTIMATE THAN
7 OTHERS, BUT HER MARK HAS BEEN MADE IN A STELLAR WAY. SHE'S
8 ALSO RECOGNIZED, WELL RECOGNIZED, AS AN ARCHITECT WHO HAS
9 RECEIVED HONORS FROM ANY NUMBER OF SIGNIFICANT INSTITUTIONS
10 AND ASSOCIATIONS, NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WOULD BE THE URBAN
11 LAND INSTITUTE, THE LOS ANGELES CONSERVANCY, STATE OF
12 CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, THE NOW LEGAL
13 DEFENSE AND EDUCATION FUND, AND MANY MORE, NOT THE LEAST OF
14 WHICH IS ART TABLE. HER FIRM'S WORK CAN ALSO BE SEEN IN
15 PROJECTS SUCH AS THE ART MUSEUM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF
16 CALIFORNIA, CAMPUS BUILDINGS AT SCRIPPS, OCCIDENTAL, WHITTIER,
17 PITZER, AND THE DESIGN OF THE AUTRY NATIONAL CENTER, WHICH IS
18 COMPRISED OF BOTH THE AUTRY AND SOUTHWEST MUSEUMS. SO THE FIRM
19 IS CURRENTLY WORKING ON MASTER PLANS FOR THE WILSHIRE
20 BOULEVARD TEMPLE, THE OAKWOOD SCHOOL, AND THE JOHN ANSON FORD
21 THEATRE. MS. LEVIN HOLDS DEGREES FROM NEW YORK UNIVERSITY AND
22 HARVARD UNIVERSITY IN ARCHITECTURE AND GRAPHIC DESIGN. SO I'M
23 PLEASED TO CONGRATULATE BRENDA ON BEING SELECTED FOR THIS YET
24 AGAIN OUTSTANDING AWARD WHICH WILL BE PRESENTED TO HER
25 TOMORROW EVENING AT THE ORGANIZATION'S ANNUAL PRESIDENTIAL



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1 AWARDS EVENT. MANY OF US KNOW HER, WE RESPECT HER, WE HAVE
2 BEEN WOWED BY HER WORK. IT'S WORTH NOTING THAT FOLLOWING THE
3 CIVIL UNREST IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, BRENDA LEVIN STEPPED
4 FORWARD IN ONE OF THE MOST DISTINGUISHED AND ENDURING PIECES
5 OF WORK THAT WAS DONE DURING THAT TIME ADDRESSING THE
6 AFFORDABLE HOUSING CRISIS IN OUR REGION, WAS DONE, THE ADAMS
7 CONGRESS PROJECT IS THERE. AND IT WAS SO WELL DONE, IT IS
8 MAINTAINED IN A PRISTINE MANNER AND THAT'S LARGELY
9 ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE ARCHITECTURAL WORK THAT WAS DONE FROM THE
10 VERY OUTSET. SHE COLLABORATES WITH INDIGENOUS GROUPS TO GET
11 WORK DONE THAT, IN FACT, IMPROVED THE QUALITY OF LIFE FOR ALL.
12 SO WE WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO CREATING A
13 LASTING AND DYNAMIC LOS ANGELES THROUGH YOUR WORK IN THE
14 ARCHITECTURE. THE BUILDINGS YOU'VE DESIGNED INSPIRE THE
15 RESIDENTS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES AND INSTILL IN THEM A
16 SENSE OF IDENTITY, A SENSE OF PLACE, AND A SENSE OF PRIDE. SO
17 IT'S ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRETY OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD
18 OF SUPERVISORS THAT WE ARE DELIGHTED TO HONOR AND PRESENT YOU
19 WITH THIS SCROLL FOR YOUR ACCOMPLISHMENTS. [APPLAUSE]

20

21 **BRENDA LEVIN:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND ALL
22 OF THE SUPERVISORS HERE TODAY FOR THIS HONOR AND RECOGNITION.
23 I AM EXTREMELY PROUD TO BE THE RECIPIENT OF THE L.A. A.I.A.
24 GOLD MEDAL. IT IS AN HONOR WHICH I CHERISH. I'D ALSO LIKE TO
25 THANK MY HUSBAND, DAVID ABEL, WHO IS HERE WITH ME TODAY, WHO



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1 ENCOURAGED A VERY SKEPTICAL RECENT GRADUATE OF THE SCHOOL OF
2 DESIGN AT HARVARD TO TRAVEL 3,000 MILES TO LOS ANGELES TO
3 BECOME A RESIDENT ARCHITECT. I WAS SKEPTICAL WITH ALL THE
4 USUAL STEREOTYPES COMING FROM THE EAST COAST. BUT LOS ANGELES
5 HAS CLEARLY PROVEN TO BE A PLACE OF VAST OPPORTUNITY AND
6 EXTRAORDINARY RECOGNITION OF PEOPLE, IMMIGRANT TRANSPLANTS
7 LIKE MYSELF TO THE CITY. I AND MY FIRM HAVE HAD WONDERFUL
8 OPPORTUNITY TO BOTH RENEW AND REVITALIZE THE CITY AND COUNTY
9 OF LOS ANGELES. AND I AM MOST GRATEFUL TO CALL LOS ANGELES
10 HOME. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I CAN JUST MAKE A COMMENT
13 ABOUT BRENDA. THE A.I.A. GOLD MEDAL IS A BIG DEAL, IT'S A
14 GREAT RECOGNITION, IT'S WELL DESERVED. BUT I THINK WHAT LOS
15 ANGELES NEEDS TO RECOGNIZE IS THE TREASURE WE HAVE IN BRENDA
16 LEVIN AS A HISTORICAL PRESERVATIONIST AND AN ARCHITECT. SHE IS
17 -- WE CALL THE MARINES AMERICA'S 9-1-1. SHE IS HISTORICAL
18 PRESERVATION'S 9-1-1. WHEN THERE IS A BUILDING THAT NEEDS TO
19 BE PRESERVED WITH SENSITIVITY AND FAITHFULNESS TO ITS ORIGINS,
20 BRENDA IS ALWAYS AT THE TOP OF EVERYBODY'S LIST. AND I THINK
21 BEYOND OUR PERSONAL FRIENDSHIP, I THINK YOUR FINGERPRINTS ARE
22 ALL OVER THE CITY AND THIS REGION AND WE ARE GRATEFUL AND
23 BLESSED FOR THAT FACT. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. DON,
2 DO YOU HAVE ANY PROCLAMATIONS? THIS IS LITTLE RICO, WHO IS A
3 MINI PINSCHER. HE'S ONE YEAR OLD. SO THIS IS LITTLE RICO, HE'S
4 LOOKING FOR A HOME. ANYBODY WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT HIM, YOU
5 CAN CALL (562) 728-4644. DO YOU WANT TO ADOPT HIM, TONY?

6

7 **SPEAKER:** NO. [LAUGHTER]

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** ANYWAY, LITTLE RICO IS LOOKING
10 FOR A HOME. SEE ANYBODY OUT THERE, RICO?

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** (OFF-MIKE) .

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY, WE'LL BEGIN THE PUBLIC
15 HEARING BY HAVING THOSE WHO ARE GOING TO TESTIFY BE SWORN IN
16 BY OUR EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ALL THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE
19 BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.
20 [ADMINISTERING OATH]

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22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YOU MAY BE SEATED.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** ITEM NO. 1.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 1, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
2 PROJECT NUMBER R2008-01962-(2), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE
3 NUMBER 200800163-(2) AND CONSIDERATION OF NEGATIVE DECLARATION
4 ASSOCIATED WITH ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT NUMBER 200800115-(2)
5 TO AUTHORIZE THE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION OF A SCRAP METAL
6 YARD LOCATED AT 9113 SOUTH ALAMEDA STREET IN THE
7 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE IN THE
8 FIRESTONE PARK ZONE DISTRICT APPLIED FOR BY BAHRAM BAKHSHI.
9 THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
10 RECEIVED, AND THERE ARE ALSO PUBLIC SPEAKERS ON THIS.

11

12 **MARIA MASIS:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
13 MARIA MASIS, I'M A SUPERVISING PLANNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
14 REGIONAL PLANNING. TO MY RIGHT IS STEVE BERGER WITH THE
15 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS. AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 1 IS THE
16 CONTINUED HEARING ON THE APPEAL OF THE REGIONAL PLANNING
17 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT 200800163.
18 THIS IS A REQUEST TO OPERATE A SCRAP METAL YARD AT 9113 SOUTH
19 ALAMEDA STREET. AT THE JULY 27, 2010, PUBLIC HEARING, YOUR
20 BOARD INSTRUCTED REGIONAL PLANNING TO PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS
21 AND ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS TO ADDRESS CONCERNS REGARDING THE
22 POTENTIAL SAFETY, OPERATIONAL HAZARDS, AS WELL AS PARKING AND
23 TRAFFIC ISSUES ASSOCIATED WITH THE PROPOSED SCRAP YARD. AS
24 INSTRUCTED IN THE BOARD'S MOTION, THE DRAFT CONDITIONS HAVE
25 BEEN FURTHER EVALUATED AND REVISED BY THE DEPARTMENTS OF



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1 REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS. STAFF HAS INCORPORATED A
2 NUMBER OF ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS TO THE OPERATIONS PERMITTED ON
3 SITE TO ENSURE THAT THE SITE CAN ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED USE.
4 RESTRICTIONS WILL LIMIT THE AMOUNT OF MATERIALS AND VEHICLES
5 THAT THE SITE WILL ALLOW AND WILL ALSO LIMIT THE POTENTIAL FOR
6 OFF-SITE TRAFFIC IMPACTS. THE CONDITIONS ALSO INCREASE THE
7 NUMBER OF INSPECTIONS AT THE SITE DURING THE FIRST THREE YEARS
8 FROM ONCE A YEAR TO TWICE A YEAR. FURTHER, THE DEPARTMENT OF
9 REGIONAL PLANNING HAS PREPARED A REPORT TO YOUR BOARD ON THE
10 TOPIC OF SCRAP YARD REGULATION, ALSO IN RESPONSE TO YOUR BOARD
11 MOTION OF JULY 27. BASED ON THE FINDINGS IN THIS REPORT, THE
12 MOST APPROPRIATE TOOL IN REGULATING SCRAP YARD USES WILL BE
13 THE DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CONDITIONS
14 TO INSURE THAT ALL PROJECTS OF THIS TYPE MEET MINIMUM
15 PERFORMANCE REQUIREMENTS. IN CONCLUSION, THE REVISED
16 CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL INCLUDE ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS AND
17 FURTHER CLARIFY WHAT TYPES OF OPERATIONS WOULD BE PERMITTED AT
18 THE SCRAP YARD UNDER CONSIDERATION. IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT
19 UNTIL A SET OF STANDARDIZED CONDITIONS FOR THIS TYPE OF USE
20 ARE ESTABLISHED BY THE DEPARTMENT, AS RECOMMENDED BY THE
21 DEPARTMENTS OF REGIONAL PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS, OTHER SCRAP
22 YARD CASES BE REVIEWED AND CONDITIONED IN A SIMILAR MATTER AS
23 THIS ONE. AND THAT CONCLUDES MY COMMENTS AND I'M AVAILABLE FOR
24 ANY QUESTIONS. THANK YOU.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. WE HAVE A JOHN
2 RODRIGUEZ, A JEFF FARANO AND A ROBERT CIACCIO. JUST GIVE YOUR
3 NAME BEFORE YOU SPEAK FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE.

4

5 **JEFF FARANO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JEFF FARANO, I AM WITH
6 S.A. RECYCLING. GOOD MORNING. I'M SPEAKING IN OPPOSITION TO
7 ITEM NO. 1. S.A. RECYCLING IS A STEEL RECYCLING COMPANY. WE
8 MAINTAIN APPROXIMATELY 40 RECYCLING YARDS AROUND SOUTHERN
9 CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA, TWO YARDS LOCATED NEARBY THIS
10 APPLICANT AT 22606 ALAMEDA, CALIFORNIA, ALAMEDA STREET, AND
11 10313 ALAMEDA STREET. I ALSO HELPED AND PARTICIPATED AS THE
12 EXPERT GROUP ON THE DRAFTING OF THESE STANDARDS. WE APPRECIATE
13 -- FIRST OF ALL, I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT OF THE COUNTY STAFF
14 TO TAKE A LOOK AT THESE STANDARDS AND THE SCRAP YARD ISSUES
15 THAT WE ARE HAVING. S.A. RECYCLING HAS BEEN VERY CONCERNED FOR
16 A LONG TIME WITH THE FACT THAT THERE HAS BEEN NO STANDARDS AND
17 THAT THERE ARE MANY ILLEGAL OPERATIONS GOING ON. WE ARE NOT
18 CONCERNED FROM THE COMPETITION SIDE, BUT MORE FROM THE FACT
19 THAT THERE ARE A LOT OF ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES CAUSED BY THESE
20 ILLEGAL YARDS. I DID SUBMIT A LETTER EARLIER THAT WENT PRIOR
21 TO THE STAFF REPORT BEING SUBMITTED THAT CAME OUT LAST WEEK,
22 BUT I DO HAVE SOME ADDITIONAL COMMENTS THAT I WOULD LIKE TO
23 MAKE. NUMBER ONE, THE ITEM -- THE STAFF REPORT REFERS TO AN
24 EXHIBIT A. IT'S A SITE PLAN THAT IT SHOULD BE INCLUDED. THE
25 PROBLEM IS THAT SITE PLAN HAS BEEN A MOVING TARGET AND WE'RE



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1 NOT CERTAIN WHAT THAT SITE PLAN IS ANYMORE AND IT SHOULD BE
2 REVIEWED, WE SHOULD BE HAVING AN OPPORTUNITY TO LOOK AT IT,
3 ESPECIALLY FROM THE DISCUSSIONS OF PARKING. I HAVE AN ISSUE
4 REGARDING 24 IN WHICH THEY SAID THAT SORTING AND SALVAGE --
5 SORTING AND STORAGE YARDS SHALL NOT IMPEDE THE TURNING RADIUS
6 OF THE GRADES. THE PROBLEM IS THAT THIS IS A CONDITION, AS
7 MANY OTHER CONDITIONS THAT ARE UNACHIEVABLE AND CANNOT BE
8 COMPLIED WITH. AND THIS ONE ITSELF, THE SITE PLAN ITSELF HAS A
9 TRUCK TURNING RADIUS THAT IS GOING TO IMPEDE ON THE STORAGE
10 LOT. SO, BY ITSELF, IT ALREADY FAILS, THE CONDITION IS ALREADY
11 FAILED. THIS IS AN INDICATION THAT THESE CONDITIONS SIMPLY
12 CREATE A FAILURE. I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH 24-F, WITH THE
13 EMPLOYEE PARKING. THAT IS A SITUATION WHERE PARKING AS A
14 CONDITION HAS BEEN REMOVED. UNDER YOUR ORDINANCES, YOU HAVE TO
15 PROVIDE ON-SITE PARKING, AND THE ONLY WAY TO GET RID OF THE
16 PARKING SPACES THAT ARE REQUIRED IS BY WAY OF A VARIANCE.
17 THERE'S BEEN NO VARIANCE APPLIED FOR, THERE'S BEEN NO FINDINGS
18 THAT JUSTIFY A VARIANCE AND THIS CREATES A VERY DIFFICULT
19 SITUATION OF ALLOWING THE OPERATOR TO REMOVE PARKING WHEN THE
20 OPERATION ITSELF JUSTIFIES EVEN MORE THAN WHAT THEY HAVE. I
21 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH NO. 24-C ON BEING ABLE TO CLOSE THE SITE.
22 I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH NO. 29 IN REGARDS TO THE PORTABLE
23 CRUSHING. I HAVE A PROBLEM WITH NO. 29, THAT THEY CAN'T ALLOW
24 CUTTING BUT THEY CAN ALLOW TORCHING WHEN THERE'S BEEN NO
25 STUDYING ON TORCHING. AND I HAVE A PROBLEM NO. 30-C, WHEN



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1 CLOSING THE SITE WHEN YOU HAVE CERTAIN TRUCKS ON SITE. IN
2 OTHER WORDS, THE CONDITIONS CREATE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS. THEY
3 DON'T PROVIDE SOLUTIONS, THEY CREATE ADDITIONAL PROBLEMS.
4 THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU.

7

8 **ROBERT CIACCIO:** MY NAME IS ROBERT CIACCIO, AN ATTORNEY WITH
9 WILLIAMS RECYCLING, WHO HAS OPERATED A YARD IN THE AREA FOR
10 OVER 35 YEARS. IT WOULD APPEAR THAT THE SHIFT HAS NOW GONE
11 FROM THE APPLICANT CONTENDING THAT THE INDUSTRY IS ENGAGING IN
12 ANTI-COMPETITIVE PRACTICES AND I BELIEVE THAT THE REVIEW IN
13 THE MEETINGS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITH REGIONAL PLANNING WILL
14 SUBSTANTIATE THAT THE INDUSTRY WAS SIMPLY LOOKING OUT FOR
15 POLICING ITSELF AND WAS NOT ATTEMPTING TO CREATE A DAVID AND
16 GOLIATH SITUATION. I BELIEVE THAT REGIONAL PLANNING HAS
17 ACKNOWLEDGED IN THEIR CONDITIONS THAT THIS LOT IS TOO SMALL.
18 THEY HAVE BENT OVER BACKWARDS TO ATTEMPTED TO PUT IN THE
19 C.U.P. CONDITIONS THAT SIMPLY CANNOT BE COMPLIED WITH AND ARE
20 NOT WORKABLE. AND IT STARTS WITH THE PREMISE THAT THE YARD
21 ITSELF IS NOT A YARD SUFFICIENT IN SIZE TO CONDUCT THE
22 OPERATIONS THAT ARE NECESSARY. WHEN YOU REVIEW THE C.U.P.,
23 WE'VE GONE SO FAR AS PREVENTING CRANES WITH BOOMS ON THEM,
24 WHICH MEANS THE CRANE IS INOPERABLE. WE'VE GONE FROM SHEARING
25 AND CRUSHING MATERIALS TO TORCHING MATERIALS, A PROCESS WHICH



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1 IS ARCHAIC IN NATURE, CREATES HUGE ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES, BOTH
2 WITH NOXIOUS FUMES, NEIGHBORHOODS POTENTIALLY EXPLODING AND NO
3 STUDY HAS EVER BEEN DONE TO DETERMINE WHAT THIS TORCHING
4 EFFECT IS. WE'VE HAD A SITUATION WHERE THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT HAS INDICATED THERE'S A TRAFFIC PROBLEM, THE SAVE
6 ALL WAS THIS FLAG MAN IMPLEMENTATION THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE
7 DESIGNED. THAT HAS NOW BEEN SCALED BACK TO HAVING A FLAG MAN
8 AT THE GATES OF THIS FACILITY, BASICALLY SHUTTING DOWN THE
9 FACILITY WHEN THERE'S TOO MUCH TRAFFIC INSIDE BECAUSE THAT
10 TRAFFIC IS GOING TO IMPEDE THE OPERATION OF THE BUSINESS
11 THAT'S NECESSARY. WE'VE HAD A CHANGE IN THE SITE PLAN, WHICH
12 EFFECTIVELY CHANGES THE DROP-OFF AREAS TO CUTTING AND STORAGE
13 AREAS AND VICE VERSA BECAUSE THERE SIMPLY IS NOT ENOUGH ROOM
14 TO CONDUCT THESE OPERATIONS WITHOUT IMPEDING THE FLOW OF
15 TRAFFIC. SUCCINCTLY PUT, I BELIEVE THAT THERE WAS A BEST
16 EFFORT MADE TO TRY TO ACCOMMODATE THIS APPLICANT, BUT THE ONLY
17 REASONABLE CONCLUSION IS THAT THE LOT IS TOO SMALL. CAN IT BE
18 USED FOR A DIFFERENT PURPOSE? CAN IT BE USED FOR C.R.V. AS
19 OPPOSED TO COMPLETELY SCRAP? POSSIBLY. BUT FOR WHAT THE
20 INTENDED USE HERE IS, I DON'T BELIEVE THAT THE ISSUE OF THE
21 LOT SIZE WAS SUFFICIENTLY ADDRESSED. BECAUSE IF THE LOT WERE
22 BIGGER, ALL OF THE OTHER ISSUES, THE TRAFFIC, HEALTH AND
23 SAFETY, THE PARKING SITUATION, THE OFF-STREET PARKING. I MEAN,
24 WE HAVE A PROVISION IN HERE THAT THE APPLICANT IS SUPPOSED TO
25 PROVIDE FOR ADDITIONAL ALTERNATIVE MEANS FOR THE EMPLOYEES TO



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1 GET TRANSPORTED TO THE FACILITY. IT'S JUST NOT THE RIGHT SIZE
2 FOR THE INTENDED USE AND NO MATTER WHAT CONDITIONS YOU PLACE
3 ON THE APPLICANT, IT NEVER WILL BE THE RIGHT SIZE.

4

5 **JOHN RODRIGUEZ:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JOHN RODRIGUEZ, AND
6 I'M WITH STATEWIDE METAL. I AM THE OWNER AND APPLICANT OF THE
7 C.U.P. THAT IS IN HAND. I HAVE A QUICK COMMENT TO MAKE. AS
8 SOME OF YOU MAY OR MAY NOT KNOW, THIS IS A STATEWIDE METAL'S
9 SIXTH ATTEMPT AT OBTAINING OUR C.U.P. APPROVAL. I'M HERE NOW
10 TO SEEK IT AGAIN. I FEEL THAT STATEWIDE METAL HAS DEFINITELY
11 COOPERATED AND ANSWERED ALL AND ANY QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS
12 PERTAINING TOWARDS THE OPERATION AND SAFETY OF THIS PROJECT.
13 WE HAVE GIVEN DETAILED PLOT PLANS AND NUMEROUS LITERATURE
14 OUTLINING STATEWIDE'S METHOD OF OPERATIONS. PLANNING AS
15 DRAFTED CONDITIONS ARE ACCEPTABLE, MANAGEABLE AND EASILY
16 REGULATED. I HAVE REPEATEDLY HEARD THE PHRASE, WE NEED TO
17 BRING AND CONTINUE TO BRING THE METAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY INTO
18 THE 21ST CENTURY, AND I DO AGREE WITH THIS. STATEWIDE METALS
19 IS DOING JUST THAT. MYSELF ALONG WITH THE WHOLE STATEWIDE
20 METAL TEAM IS ALSO LOOKING -- IS ALWAYS LOOKING AT APPLYING A
21 FEW METHODS THAT WILL MAKE THE METAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY MORE
22 PRODUCTIVE, EFFICIENT, ECONOMICALLY WISER AND DEFINITELY
23 ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLIER. WITHOUT GOING INTO TOO MUCH
24 DETAIL, I FEEL THAT STATEWIDE METAL HAS SHINED A MUCH-NEEDED
25 LIGHT ON THE METAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY. AND I WOULD GO AS FAR



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1 AS TO SAY THAT WE HAVE SEMI-REVOLUTIONIZED THE WAY THAT WE
2 LOOK, CATEGORIZE, AND CONDITION OPERATION OF RECYCLING YARDS.
3 I HOPE THAT BOTH THE BOTH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
4 PLANNING CONTINUE TO DO THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT IN THE
5 METAL RECYCLING INDUSTRY. I HOPE ALSO THAT THEY WILL LOOK
6 DEEPER INTO THE OPERATIONS OF OTHER METAL RECYCLING IN THE
7 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, BUT ALSO STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT
8 UNIVERSAL CHANGES AND CONDITIONS BE APPLIED TO ALL PRESENTLY
9 OPERATING AND FUTURE FACILITIES. SOME CONDITIONS THAT I WOULD
10 LIKE TO BE UNIVERSALLY ADDRESSED, ALL OF WHICH ARE IN MY
11 C.U.P., ARE AS FOLLOW: A MAXIMUM NUMBER OF VEHICLES ALLOWED IN
12 ONE FACILITY AT ONE TIME. A SITE THAT IS ABLE TO SHOW A FULLY
13 FUNCTIONAL AND UNOBSTRUCTED CIRCULATION PATTERN FOR SMALL
14 PICKUP SIZES AND LARGE SEMI TRUCKS. FACILITY THAT OFFERS
15 SEPARATE ENTRANCES AND EXITS. AND FINALLY, SOME SORT OF
16 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. STATEWIDE METALS LOOKS FORWARD TO BEING
17 AN ACTIVE BUSINESS MEMBER IN THE DISTRICT AND COMMUNITY. ONE
18 PARTICULAR CONDITION THAT WE HAVE DRAFTED IN OUR C.U.P. IS
19 THAT STATEWIDE METAL WILL CONDUCT AN ANNUAL OPEN MEETING TO
20 ANY PUBLIC THAT LIVE WITHIN 500 FEET RADIUS OF STATEWIDE'S
21 LOCATION. THIS GIVES US A CHANCE TO HEAR AND INTERACT WITH
22 PUBLIC AND TO SHARE THEIR CONCERNS. STATEWIDE METALS HAS ALSO
23 TAKEN IT A STEP FURTHER. WITH PARTICIPATION FROM DISTRICT 2
24 AND ALL DISTRICTS, ALSO WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS, SUCH AS
25 PARENTS OF WATTS, I WOULD LIKE TO START WHAT I CALL A



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1 COMMUNITY URBAN CLEAN-UP PROGRAM. I PROPOSE THAT A COMMUNITY
2 GRAFFITI REMOVAL DAY WOULD STARTS THIS OFF WHERE AN ORGANIZED
3 AND REMOVE GRAFFITI IN HEAVILY GRAFITTED AREAS WITH THE HOPE
4 THAT EVENTUALLY STARTING A QUARTERLY EVENT FOCUSED ON A
5 DIFFERENT ENVIRONMENT AND AN ECO-FRIENDLY SUBJECT FOR DISTRICT
6 2. THIS IS SOMETHING THAT I HAVE NEVER SEEN A METAL OR SCRAP
7 METAL YARD BRING UP OR PRESENT. I HAVE HEARD A LOT OF
8 NEGATIVITY TOWARDS MY BUSINESS AND ME STARTING THIS COMPANY. I
9 HAVE NOT ONCE HEARD WHAT WE OR OTHER SCRAP METALS, AS S.A. AND
10 THE REPRESENTATIVE FOR WILLIAMS, TO DO FOR THE COMMUNITY. THIS
11 IS THE KIND OF COMMITMENT THAT MYSELF AND STATEWIDE METALS HAS
12 INSTILLED NOT ONLY IN MY BUSINESS PHILOSOPHY, BUT ALSO IN THE
13 PHILOSOPHY TO THE DISTRICT AND THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD LIKE TO
14 SAY THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU AND PLEASE SHINE A GOOD LIGHT ON
15 OUR COMMUNITY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16
17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** MONA HOWERTON, D.J. MCLEMORE,
18 ALEX DEGOOD.

19
20 **MONA HOWERTON:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MONA HOWERTON,
21 WILLIAMS RECYCLING AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE INDUSTRY EXPERT
22 TEAM. I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS' OFFICE FOR HAVING THE
23 OPPORTUNITY TO HELP EDUCATE AND WORK WITH REGIONAL PLANNING
24 REGARDING OUR INDUSTRY. WE DO SUPPORT THE IDEA OF INDUSTRY
25 STANDARDS. WE DO HOWEVER OBJECT TO THE MATTER OF THIS TENANT



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1 BEING GRANTED A STEEL SCRAP OPERATION IN A SMALL 30,000-
2 SQUARE-FOOT PROPERTY. REGIONAL PLANNING DID NOT CHANGE
3 CONDITIONS FROM THE LAST HEARING. THEY'VE ADDED AND STRETCHED
4 THE CONDITIONS TO FORCE THE FIT ON THIS SMALL PARCEL. THESE
5 ARE OUR MAJOR CONCERNS. PARKING, NUMBER ONE. THE TENANTS'
6 WRITTEN OPERATING PLAN CALLS FOR 7 TO 8 EMPLOYEES, FOUR
7 PARKING SPACES, ONE HANDICAP SPACE ARE AVAILABLE FOR
8 EMPLOYEES. REGIONAL PLANNING HAS NOW LIMITED EMPLOYEE PARKING
9 TO FIVE SPACES INCLUDING HANDICAPPED, ONLY HALF OF THEIR
10 EMPLOYEE NEEDS. TORCHING IS A NEW PROCESS ADDED, REQUIRING
11 EVEN MORE EMPLOYEE PARKING. TO ADD A CONDITION THAT MERELY
12 SAYS THE APPLICANT MUST COME UP WITH A PARKING PLAN DOES NOT
13 SOLVE THE PARKING PROBLEM. ALAMEDA CORRIDOR HAS NO STREET
14 PARKING. FLAG MEN ON ALAMEDA STREET. THIS IS NOT A MODERN WAY
15 TO ADDRESS QUEUING AND TRAFFIC ON THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR. FLAG
16 MEN ONLY ENCOURAGE CUSTOMERS TO WAIT IN NON-PARKING AREAS.
17 PLANNING HAS ALSO ADDRESSED LARGE MACHINERY IN A SMALL AREA BY
18 NOT ALLOWING EXTENSIONS ON EQUIPMENT. THIS LEAVES A MACHINE
19 SITTING IDLE WITH NOTHING ON THE END, KIND OF LIKE A CAR
20 WITHOUT WHEELS. MODERN MACHINERY WAS RESTRICTED BECAUSE OF
21 LARGE SWING RADIUS IN A SMALL AREA. SIMPLY, THE BOOM WOULD
22 SWING OVER THE ENTIRE WORK AREA IN THEIR PLAN AND IT WOULD
23 SWING OVER THE CUSTOMERS, EMPLOYEES, TRUCKS, TORCH MEN AND
24 WHOEVER ELSE WAS IN THAT WORK AREA. TORCHING'S BEEN ADDED AS A
25 PROCESSING METHOD. TORCHING IS MAINLY USED FOR EXTRA LARGE



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1 THICK ITEMS YOU CAN'T CUT WITH A SHEAR. THE PROCESS IS LABOR
2 INTENSIVE, EXTREMELY DANGEROUS, REQUIRES A LOT OF ROOM AND YOU
3 DO NEED EXPLOSION BARRIERS. THERE'S NO MENTION OF TORCHING IN
4 THE SITE PLAN. YOU CANNOT TORCH YOUR OWN CUSTOMERS OR TRUCKS,
5 IT INVOLVES SPREADING OUT MATERIALS, TAKING EXPLOSIVE OXYGEN
6 TANKS AND CUTTING. THIS CAUSES SPARKS, FIRES AND EXPLOSIONS.
7 AND YOU CAN REFER TO OUR SCRAP INDUSTRY BOOK WE PUT TOGETHER
8 WHERE O.S.H.A. DOES ADDRESS THIS. SIMPLY, TENANTS MENTIONED
9 ALSO RECEIVING NON-FERROUS METALS. THERE'S NO ROOM TO ADD
10 CONTAINERS OR WORK IN THIS AREA AS WELL FOR THE METALS. TO SUM
11 UP, WE HAVE REGIONAL PLANNING TRYING TO PUT A SQUARE PEG IN A
12 ROUND HOLE. IN THIS LITTLE WORK AREA OF 3200 SQUARE FOOT ON
13 THE SITE PLAN, WE'RE LOADING TRUCKS, UNLOADING TRUCKS,
14 PROCESSING WITHOUT MODERN MACHINES, TORCHING WITH FLAMMABLE
15 PRODUCTS, STORING HAZARDOUS APPLIANCES FOR SHIPMENT AND
16 PROCESSING NON-FERROUS. WE HAVE FLAGMEN, CRANES WITHOUT
17 ATTACHMENTS, CALL AHEADS FOR LOADING, CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS
18 ALL BECAUSE THE LOT IS TOO SMALL FOR THE INTENDED USE. A LOT
19 OF THESE ARE UNENFORCEABLE CONDITIONS. INCLUDED IS ALSO THE
20 CONFLICTING APPLIANCE CONDITION. THE APPLICANT CANNOT RECEIVE
21 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS BUT CAN RECEIVE APPLIANCES. APPLIANCES ARE
22 HAZARDOUS IN NATURE AND, HENCE, WE HAVE A C.A.R. PERMIT. I
23 THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REMIND EVERYONE, THIS IS A NEW USE,
24 IT'S NOT A CONTINUED USE. THE TENANT CAN GO TO ANOTHER LOT IN
25 THE AREA AND THE LANDOWNER CAN HAVE A DIFFERENT RECYCLING USE



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1 SUCH AS C.R.V. IF YOU DO NEED A DECISION TODAY, WE
2 RESPECTFULLY ASK TO DENY THE PROJECT, OTHERWISE WE WOULD HOPE
3 THAT THEY WILL BE DELAYED UNTIL APRIL, WHEN THE NEW STANDARDS
4 ARE AVAILABLE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

5

6 **ALEX DEGOOD:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ALEX
7 DEGOOD, REPRESENTING STATEWIDE METALS, THE OPERATOR OF THIS
8 SITE. I WILL BE VERY BRIEF, JUST TO SAY FIRST THAT REGIONAL
9 PLANNING I THINK HAS DONE A GREAT JOB HERE. THEY HAVE SPENT
10 QUITE A BIT OF TIME ON THIS PROJECT, THEY HAVE INVESTIGATED IT
11 THOROUGHLY, THEY HAVE HAD SITE VISITS, THEY'VE REVIEWED ALL OF
12 OUR SUBMISSIONS, OUR SITE PLANS TO ENSURE THAT THIS LOT WORKS
13 FOR WHAT THE PROPOSED USE IS. AND I JUST WANT TO SPEAK BRIEFLY
14 ABOUT THAT PROPOSED USE. BECAUSE YOU'RE HEARING A CONTINUATION
15 OF A LOT OF MISINFORMATION ABOUT WHAT WE'VE PROPOSED FROM DAY
16 ONE. THE EQUIPMENT THAT WE'VE ALWAYS PROPOSED TO USE IS
17 SMALLER EQUIPMENT THAN IS USED IN MANY OF THESE OTHER LOTS.
18 PROJECT OPPONENTS TALK ABOUT, WELL, WE CAN'T HAVE THIS GIANT
19 EQUIPMENT EXTEND A BOOM BECAUSE IT WOULD EXTEND OVER THE WHOLE
20 LOT. WELL, THEY'RE EXACTLY RIGHT. WE NEVER PROPOSED TO USE
21 THAT TYPE OF EQUIPMENT. THAT EQUIPMENT IS USED ON MUCH BIGGER
22 LOTS THAT DO A DEGREE OF PROCESSING THAT WE HAVE NEVER
23 PROPOSED TO DO. THIS LOT IS NOT GOING TO PROCESS METAL IN THE
24 SAME WAY THAT A MULTI-ACRE LOT OFTEN DOES, THEREFORE WE'RE NOT
25 GOING TO BE USING THE EQUIPMENT THAT THOSE KIND OF LOTS USE.



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1 THEY'RE TRYING TO MAKE A COMPARISON BETWEEN LOTS THAT ARE JUST
2 NOT SIMILAR IN OPERATION. THIS IS A MUCH SIMPLER OPERATION
3 THAT TAKES IN SCRAP METAL LARGELY FROM PICKUP TRUCKS, LOCAL
4 KIND OF METAL PEDDLER-TYPE CUSTOMERS, STORES IT IN A CLEARLY-
5 DEFINED AREA THAT IN NO WAY INTERFERES WITH THE CIRCULATION OF
6 TRAFFIC AND THEN HAS IT SHIPPED OFF TO BE PROCESSED ELSEWHERE,
7 TO BE PROCESSED. WE ARE NOT PROCESSING METAL, SEEKING TO
8 PROCESS METAL IN THE SAME WAY THAT A LOT OF OUR LARGER
9 COMPETITORS DO. AND I WOULD AGREE THAT IF WE WERE SEEKING TO
10 DO THAT, THAT THIS LOT IS NOT BIG ENOUGH. BUT AGAIN BECAUSE
11 THE OPERATION IS FUNDAMENTALLY DIFFERENT, THIS LOT IS PLENTY
12 BIG ENOUGH. IF YOU REVIEWED THE MATERIAL THAT WE'VE PRESENTED,
13 THE VERY DETAILED SITE PLANS, THE OPERATIONS PLANS, WHICH OF
14 COURSE PLANNING AND PUBLIC WORKS HAVE REVIEWED IN GREAT
15 DETAIL, THIS LOT CAN ACTUALLY OPERATE QUITE EASILY WITH THE
16 TYPE OF CUSTOMERS AND THE TYPE OF MATERIAL THAT IS GOING TO BE
17 RECEIVED AND THE VERY MINIMAL PROCESSING OF THAT MATERIAL,
18 BASICALLY STORAGE OF THAT MATERIAL THAT'S GOING TO OCCUR ON
19 THE LOT. SO I THINK, YOU KNOW, PLANNING WENT BACK AND
20 TIGHTENED SOME OF THESE CONDITIONS AND MAKE IT VERY CLEAR WHAT
21 THE EXTENT OF THE ALLOWABLE OPERATIONS ARE, WHAT WE'RE GOING
22 TO BE DOING THAT ALIGNS WITH WHAT WE HAVE PROPOSED TO DO ALL
23 ALONG. THEY'VE ADDED SOME INSPECTIONS WHICH OF COURSE WE'LL
24 PAY FOR AND ARE HAPPY TO BECAUSE WE ARE CONFIDENT WE'RE GOING
25 TO OPERATE A VERY EFFICIENT, VERY CLEAN OPERATION AND GOING TO



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1 BE AN EXCELLENT ADDITION TO THE COMMUNITY, BOTH FOR THE
2 NEIGHBORHOOD AND THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, AND RESPECTFULLY
3 REQUEST THAT YOU APPROVE THE C.U.P. AND UPHOLD THE PLANNING
4 COMMISSION'S APPROVAL. THANK YOU.

5

6 **B.J. MCELMORE:** I'M BRENDA MCELMORE, I'M A RESIDENT ON 92ND
7 STREET AND HAVE BEEN THERE FOR MANY YEARS. I'M FOR BUSINESS
8 AND COMMERCE, BUT ONLY IF IT IS CONDUCIVE AND COMPATIBLE WITH
9 THE RESIDENT, THE NEIGHBORHOOD, AND THE COMMUNITY AND
10 OPERATING WITHIN THE LAWS. I'VE HAD SEVERAL CONCERNS IN
11 REGARDS TO THE INDUSTRY THAT HAS COME SINCE I HAVE LIVED
12 THERE. AND IT DOESN'T SEEM LIKE IT'S BEING TRULY REGULATED,
13 INSPECTED FOR THE GOOD OF ALL PEOPLE. I HAVE PHOTOGRAPHS
14 TODAY, I DON'T KNOW IF THEY'RE ALLOWED, OF THE TRAFFIC
15 CONDITIONS. ALSO ONE OF THE CONCERNS IS THAT 92ND STREET AND
16 ALAMEDA, IT'S TOTALLY RED, NO STOPPING, NO PARKING. SO I
17 CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW ANOTHER BUSINESS COULD BE ADDED THERE.
18 THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL BUSINESSES ON 92ND STREET THAT HAVE
19 CLOSED IN THE LAST MONTH. I DON'T KNOW IF THAT'S BEEN THROUGH
20 THE AGENCIES OR IF THE PEOPLE HAVE DONE IT ON THEIR OWN. AND
21 NOW COMES ANOTHER BUSINESS. I HAVE BEEN AFFECTED BY EXISTING
22 YARDS THERE WITH NOISE, POUNDING, VIBRATIONS. AND I HAVE ASKED
23 PEOPLE TO COME TO MY HOME TO SEE WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO ME AND
24 TO OTHERS AND IT'S NOT WORKING OUT VERY WELL. NOW COMES
25 ANOTHER BUSINESS. THE COMMUNITY IS COMING UP FOR THE



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1 BETTERMENT IN THAT AREA OF JORDAN DOWNS, 92ND, ALAMEDA, NEW
2 HOUSING, SCHOOLS, COLLEGES. AND IT NEEDS TO BE DEFINITELY
3 REGULATED AND SOMEONE NEEDS TO KNOCK ON THE DOOR OF THE
4 RESIDENTS AND COME IN AND SEE HOW THEY'RE BEING AFFECTED SO
5 THAT THE -- IT DOESN'T GET TO THE AGENCY'S LEVEL, SO THAT
6 PEOPLE CAN HAVE A BUSINESS, PEOPLE CAN LIVE IN PEACE AND IN
7 GOOD HEALTH. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SEE MY PHOTOGRAPHS, I HAVE
8 THEM HERE OF THE RECENT TRAFFIC CONGESTION THERE ON 92ND
9 STREET. SO THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

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13 >>SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM: SACHI WILL SHOW THE
14 PHOTOGRAPHS TO THE BOARD. THAT CONCLUDES OUR PUBLIC TESTIMONY.

15

16 B.J. MCELMORE: THANK YOU.

17

18 SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM: THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR?

19

20 SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND TO
21 THOSE WHO CAME TO TESTIFY. WITH YOUR PERMISSION, MR. CHAIRMAN,
22 I'D LIKE TO SUBMIT FOR THE RECORD THE FOLLOWING MOTION, THEN
23 REQUEST THAT WE DISPOSE OF IT ACCORDINGLY. "AT THE JULY 27,
24 2010 PUBLIC HEARING, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INSTRUCTED THE
25 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING TO REVIEW THE



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1 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A SCRAP YARD AT 9113 SOUTH ALAMEDA
2 STREET IN FLORENCE- FIRESTONE AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS ON
3 ADDITIONAL CONDITIONS THAT MAY BE APPROPRIATE TO ADDRESS
4 CONCERNS REGARDING THE POTENTIAL SAFETY AND OPERATIONAL
5 HAZARDS, PARKING AND TRAFFIC. AS INSTRUCTED, THE BOARD'S
6 MOTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS FURTHER
7 EVALUATED THE PROPOSED CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT. AND IN ITS
8 REPORT DATED OCTOBER 19, 2010, SUBMITTED REVISED CONDITIONS TO
9 ADEQUATELY ADDRESS THE CONCERNS IDENTIFIED ABOVE. THE
10 CONDITIONS NOW MORE SPECIFICALLY DESCRIBE THE TYPES OF
11 ACTIVITIES AND OPERATIONS PERMITTED ON SITE, PROVIDING
12 APPROPRIATE CONFIDENCE THAT THE SIZE OF THE SITE CAN
13 ACCOMMODATE THE PROPOSED USE. I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD
14 OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING AND ADOPT THE NEGATIVE
15 DECLARATION FOR THE SUBJECT UNDER THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
16 QUALITY ACT, INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL
17 AND APPROVE THE C.U.P. WITH MODIFIED CONDITIONS OF APPROVALS
18 AS OUTLINED IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING REPORT
19 DATED OCTOBER 19, FIND THAT ANY VIOLATION OF ANY REGULATION OR
20 PERMIT BY ANY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY GOVERNING THE PERMITS
21 USE OF THE SITE INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO O.S.H.A., E.P.A.
22 AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES, SHALL BE A
23 VIOLATION OF THE C.U.P. AND SHALL CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR
24 ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF THE C.U.P. AND FINALLY,
25 DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE THE FINAL FINDINGS AND



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1 CONDITIONS FOR THIS CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO BRING BACK TO A
2 FUTURE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING FOR THE BOARD'S
3 CONSIDERATION AND DISPOSITION." THAT'S THE MOTION AND I SEEK A
4 SECOND, MR. CHAIRMAN.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND.
7 IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? SO ORDERED.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ITEM NO. 2. THIS IS A HEARING ON
12 PROJECT NO. R2008-01463-(2), CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT CASE
13 NUMBER 200800125-(2), AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL
14 PLANNING'S DETERMINATION OF THE CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION CLASS 3,
15 NEW CONSTRUCTION OR CONVERSION OF SMALL STRUCTURES TO
16 ESTABLISH A SCRAP METAL PROCESSING YARD AND COLLECTION OF
17 OTHER MATERIALS AT THE PROPERTY LOCATED AT 2241 EAST 89TH
18 STREET, LOS ANGELES, IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF
19 FLORENCE-FIRESTONE IN THE FLORENCE-FIRESTONE ZONED DISTRICT,
20 APPLIED FOR BY JOSE DIAZ. THERE IS A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND
21 CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED AND THERE ARE PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

22

23 **MARK CHILD:** GOOD MORNING, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. MY NAME IS
24 MARK CHILD, I'M A SUPERVISING REGIONAL PLANNER WITH THE
25 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING. ITEM NO. 2 IS AN APPEAL OF



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1 THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF A REQUEST TO
2 ESTABLISH A RECYCLING AND SCRAP METAL YARD AT 2241 EAST 89TH
3 STREET, WHICH IS ADJACENT TO THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR AND IN THE
4 SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT. THE GENERAL PLAN DESIGNATION
5 FOR THE PROPERTY IS "I," MAJOR INDUSTRIAL. IT'S ZONED M-2,
6 HEAVY MANUFACTURING. IN THE M-2 ZONE, A CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
7 IS REQUIRED TO OPERATE A SCRAP METAL YARD. NOT INCLUDING
8 TODAY'S HEARING THERE HAVE BEEN A TOTAL OF SIX PUBLIC HEARINGS
9 ON THIS REQUEST, FOUR BEFORE THE HEARING OFFICER AND TWO
10 BEFORE THE PLANNING COMMISSION. HEARINGS STARTED ON OCTOBER 2,
11 2009, AND THE LAST WAS ON JUNE 16, 2010. AT THE LAST HEARING,
12 THE PLANNING COMMISSION CONCLUDED TESTIMONY AND BY A VOTE OF
13 4-0, APPROVED THE REQUEST. ONE COMMISSIONER WAS ABSENT. THE
14 DECISION OF THE PLANNING COMMISSION HAS BEEN APPEALED TO YOUR
15 BOARD BY GARY WEISENBERG OF ATLAS IRON AND METAL. THE REASONS
16 FOR THE APPEALS ARE STATED AS HAZARDOUS WASTE AND WATER
17 QUALITY CONCERNS. THE PROPOSAL IS TO USE A VACANT INDUSTRIAL
18 PROPERTY, APPROXIMATELY ONE ACRE IN SIZE, AT THE CORNER OF
19 89TH STREET AND ALAMEDA FOR RECYCLING AND SCRAP METAL YARD.
20 THE YARD WOULD ACCEPT C.R.V. MATERIALS AND SCRAP METAL. SCRAP
21 METAL WOULD BE SORTED AND TAKEN OFF-SITE FOR REMELTING AT
22 STEEL MILLS AND FOUNDRIES. THE PROPOSED OPERATION WOULD
23 INCLUDE SCALES, CARGO CONTAINERS AND A SMALL OFFICE STRUCTURE.
24 THE AREA USED FOR OUTSIDE STORAGE WOULD BE ENCLOSED BY A 10-
25 FOOT- HIGH SOLID FENCE, LANDSCAPING ON THE SITE AND ALONG THE



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1 STREET FRONTAGES IS PROPOSED. THE CUSTOMER QUEUING AND
2 CIRCULATION PLAN DEPICTS HOW VEHICLES WOULD MANEUVER THE SITE
3 AND HOW MATERIALS WOULD BE STORED FOR SHIPMENT OFFSITE. LARGE
4 SEMI TRUCKS WOULD HAUL AWAY THE CARGO CONTAINERS ON A REGULAR
5 BASIS. THE SITE IS SURROUNDED BY OTHER M-2 ZONED HEAVY
6 MANUFACTURING PROPERTIES ON ALL SIDES. THE USE SURROUNDING THE
7 PROPERTY INCLUDE THE ALAMEDA RAIL CORRIDOR, AUTOMOBILE
8 DISMANTLING YARDS, AUTO BODY SHOPS AND MANUFACTURING AND OTHER
9 USED CAR SALES. BEFORE TAKING ACTION, THE PLANNING COMMISSION
10 CONSIDERED THAT THE SITE PLAN AND OPERATIONS PLAN HAD BEEN
11 REVIEWED BY PLANNING STAFF AND STAFF AND CONSULTING
12 DEPARTMENTS, AND THAT IT MET THE ZONING STANDARDS FOR THE
13 INTENDED USE AND OTHER RELEVANT CODE SECTIONS INCLUDING
14 PARKING. THE PROJECT QUALIFIES FOR CATEGORICAL EXEMPTION CLASS
15 3 FROM C.E.Q.A. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS. THE EXEMPTION APPLIES
16 TO PROJECTS THAT PROPOSE ONLY LIMITED SMALL STRUCTURES AND
17 WHERE THE PROJECT WILL NOT HAVE A SIGNIFICANT EFFECT ON THE
18 ENVIRONMENT. THROUGH THE PUBLIC COMMENT AND PUBLIC HEARING
19 PROCESS, THE HEARING OFFICER AND COMMISSION RECEIVED OPPOSING
20 TESTIMONY FROM A NUMBER OF LOCAL RECYCLING FACILITY OPERATORS
21 WHO SHARED THE CONCERNS OF THE APPELLANT. THIS CONCLUDES THE
22 STAFF REPORT. THANK YOU.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WE HAVE SOME SPEAKERS. JOSE
25 DIAZ, STEVEN LEWIS, AND CARMEN MARTINEZ. LET ME ASK. ARE THERE



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1 TWO JOSE DIAZES? BECAUSE I HAVE TWO SLIPS. IS THERE A JUNIOR?

2 DO YOU HAVE A JUNIOR TOO?

3

4 **JOSE DIAZ:** NO.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** NO. WE JUST HAVE A DUPLICATE
7 OF YOU. YOU DON'T HAVE A JUNIOR.

8

9 **JOSE DIAZ:** NO.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. WE HAVE TWO OF YOUR
12 APPLICATIONS. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD BEFORE YOU
13 SPEAK AND THEN GIVE YOUR TESTIMONY.

14

15 **STEVEN LEWIS:** MY NAME IS STEVE LEWIS, I AM THE PROPERTY OWNER.
16 VERY BRIEF, THE PROTEST AND OBJECTIONS TO THE GRANTING OF THE
17 C.U.P. HAVE BEEN ORCHESTRATED BY A SMALL GROUP OF WELL-
18 FINANCED COMPETITORS WHO HAVE FOR OVER TWO YEARS TRIED TO HAVE
19 THE C.U.P. DENIED IN THE NAME OF THE PUBLIC GOOD, YET IN
20 REALITY JUST IN ORDER TO STIFLE COMPETITION. TO PARAPHRASE A
21 WELL-KNOWN SPEAKER, WHEN IT IS THE COMPETITION THAT ATTEMPTS
22 THE DELAY, THE PARTY WITH THE POWER SHOULD SUBJECT IT TO THE
23 SMELL TEST. AND COUNCIL MEMBERS, THESE OBJECTIONS WILL NOT
24 SURVIVE A SMELL TEST. THIS BUSINESS WILL ENABLE THE LOCAL
25 POPULATION WITH SMALL AMOUNTS OF RECYCLABLE MATERIAL TO AVAIL



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1 THEMSELVES OF THIS NEWLY PROPOSED EFFICIENT RECYCLING CENTER.

2 I URGE YOU TO APPROVE THE REQUEST FOR THE C.U.P. THANK YOU.

3

4 **JOSE DIAZ:** [SPEAKS SPANISH].

5

6 **LYDIA RODRIGUEZ, TRANSLATOR:** AND I'M LYDIA RODRIGUEZ AND I'M
7 HERE TO TRANSLATE FOR MR. DIAZ.

8

9 **JOSE DIAZ:** [SPEAKS SPANISH]

10

11 **LYDIA RODRIGUEZ, TRANSLATING:** I'M ASKING YOU TO GIVE ME THE
12 PERMISSION FOR ME TO OPEN UP THE DOORS AND START WORKING. IT'S
13 BEEN OVER TWO YEARS. IT'S BEEN A LONG WHILE THAT I'VE BEEN
14 WAITING FOR THIS, SINCE I APPLIED FOR THE C.U.P. TO HAVE
15 CONSIDERATION THAT THERE IS NO RESIDENTS, THERE IS NO ONE
16 LIVING ANYWHERE NEAR THE PROPERTY. IT'S JUST THE COMPETITION
17 THAT IS PRESSURING ME. AND I'M ASKING FOR THE APPROVAL, THE
18 PERMISSION.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **CARMEN MARTINEZ:** GOOD MORNING, RESPECTED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.
23 I'M KIND OF NERVOUS. MY NAME IS CARMEN MARTINEZ AND I'M HERE
24 TO SPEAK IN FAVOR OF MR. JOSE DIAZ'S PROPOSAL. IT'S BEEN 21
25 MONTHS SINCE HE'S BEEN WAITING FOR THE RESPONSE AND TO OPEN UP



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1 HIS DOORS TO START WORKING AND WE ARE A LOT OF EMPLOYEES JUST
2 WAITING FOR HIM TO OPEN UP THE DOORS. AND THERE'S A LOT OF
3 FAMILIES WHO ARE WAITING TO START WORKING. I DO KNOW THAT MR.
4 DIAZ HAS ALREADY BEEN TRYING TO COME UP WITH ALL THE
5 REQUIREMENTS. HE MADE A LOT OF CHANGES, HE PUT A LOT OF
6 PARKING FOR THE EMPLOYEES, HE PUT PARKING FOR THE PEOPLE WHO
7 ARE GOING TO COME IN, HE ACTUALLY MADE A BIGGER QUEUING ON THE
8 LOT. SO HE HAS MADE ALL THE REQUIREMENTS TO OPEN UP HIS
9 BUSINESS. AND WE'RE REALLY HOPING THAT YOU CAN TAKE IN
10 CONSIDERATION ALL THE FAMILIES THAT ARE WAITING FOR HIM TO
11 OPEN UP THE DOORS AND THAT MANY OF THE THINGS THAT --
12 REQUIREMENTS THAT WERE COME UP WAS BECAUSE OF THE COMPETITION.
13 AND WE HOPE THAT YOU UNDERSTAND THAT WE NEED TO START WORKING.
14 A LOT OF FAMILIES ARE WAITING FOR THAT.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. ARE YOU LYDIA
17 RODRIGUEZ?

18

19 **LYDIA RODRIGUEZ:** YES, I'M LYDIA RODRIGUEZ.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK?

22

23 **LYDIA RODRIGUEZ:** OKAY. YES.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK, LET ME ALSO
2 THEN -- ALSO GARY WEISENBERG, ROBERT CIACCO.

3

4 **LYDIA RODRIGUEZ:** MY NAME IS LYDIA RODRIGUEZ. I AM JUST HERE
5 BECAUSE THE APPEAL WAS DONE FOR THE WATER CONCERN, THE STORM
6 DRAIN WATER CONCERN. ACTUALLY, PUBLIC WORKS HAS ACTUALLY ASKED
7 US FOR A FEW REPORTS ON HOW WE'RE GOING TO DO TO NOT
8 CONTAMINANT FROM STORM WATER, FOR STORM DRAIN WATER. AND THOSE
9 AS SOON AS WE GET THE APPROVAL, HOPEFULLY WE GET THE APPROVAL,
10 WE WILL ACTUALLY SUBMIT THOSE. SO THERE IS NO CONCERN ON HOW
11 THIS STORM DRAIN WILL BE -- STORM WATER WOULD BE DRAINED OR IF
12 THERE WILL BE ANY CONTAMINANTS. ANOTHER THING THAT WAS BROUGHT
13 UP WAS ALSO -- WAS PARKING AND TRAFFIC. AND WE HAVE ALREADY
14 PROVEN OURSELVES WITH ALL THOSE CONCERNS. HOPEFULLY WE GET THE
15 APPROVAL TODAY AND WE GET TO OPEN THE DOORS. AND ANY CONDITION
16 THAT HAS BEEN ASKED FROM US, WE ARE TRYING OUR HARDEST TO
17 ACTUALLY APPLY OURSELVES TO MAKING THOSE CONDITIONS POSSIBLE.
18 THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO THEN
21 CALL UP JEFF FARANO. WHOEVER WANTS TO GO FIRST CAN GO FIRST.

22

23 **ROBERT CIACCIO:** ROBERT CIACCIO FROM WILLIAMS RECYCLING. THANK
24 YOU AGAIN. WE'VE HEARD THIS SAME MANTRA, THE SAME DRUM
25 BEATING, THE COMPETITION, THE COMPETITION THAT IS TRYING TO



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1 PREVENT US FROM OPENING, THE COMPETITION IS TRYING TO PUT US
2 THROUGH -- IS TRYING TO MAKE US FOLLOW THE LAW, THE
3 COMPETITION IS TRYING TO KEEP THE AREA SAFE. BUT WE NEVER HEAR
4 ANY TRUE RESPONSE TO THE HEALTH, SAFETY AND WELFARE OF THE
5 PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY, ONLY THE FACT THAT THEY'RE BEING
6 BEATEN UP. NOW THE CONCERNS REGARDING 92ND STREET ARE THE SAME
7 CONCERNS THAT WERE ADDRESSED HERE. AS RECENTLY AS MARCH OF
8 LAST YEAR, D.P.W., REGIONAL PLANNING ALL HAD ISSUES WITH THIS
9 PARTICULAR YARD. THERE HAD BEEN A REQUIREMENT IN A PROPOSED
10 C.U.P. THAT HAD BEEN DRAFTING THAT HAD REQUESTED GRADING
11 STUDIES, TRAFFIC STUDIES, STREET LIGHTING ISSUES, ROAD
12 REHABILITATION. AND WHEN WE CAME BACK FOR THE SUBSEQUENT
13 HEARING IN JUNE, NONE OF THESE ISSUES WERE IN THE C.U.P., AND
14 YET THE C.U.P. WAS PASSED. AND THOSE ISSUES CONTINUE TO REMAIN
15 A CONCERN. WE'RE DEALING WITH THE SAME AREAS IN THE ALAMEDA
16 CORRIDOR, WE'RE DEALING WITH TRAFFIC, WE'RE DEALING WITH THE
17 SIZE OF THE YARD, WE ARE NOW DEALING WITH A YARD THAT IS
18 SLIGHTLY BIGGER THAN THE LAST ONE THAT WAS APPROVED WITH ALL
19 OF THE SAME PROBLEMS THAT ARE IMPLIED WITH THAT AS WELL. THE
20 SAME STUDIES, THE SAME REQUIREMENTS, ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS,
21 ALL OF THE OTHER YARDS, HAVE TO GO THROUGH FOR SOME REASON ARE
22 BEING ABROGATED TO ALLOW THE SMALLER YARDS TO DO THINGS AFTER
23 THESE C.U.P.S ARE ISSUED AS OPPOSED TO BEFORE. AND IT IS OUR
24 HOPES THAT A STANDARD WILL BE SET FOR APPROVAL OF THESE THINGS
25 THAT WILL INCLUDE THE SIZE AT THE LOTS SO THAT WE DON'T



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1 CONTINUALLY HAVE TO COME BEFORE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND
2 ARGUE THAT THE LOT SIZES ARE TOO SMALL AND IN ORDER TO ENFORCE
3 THE LAWS, THE RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE COMMUNITY THAT THE
4 LOT SIZES SHOULD BE BIGGER. BECAUSE THAT IS THE ONE ISSUE THAT
5 PERMEATES ALL OF THESE CASES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **GARY WEISENBERG:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS GARY WEISENBERG. I'M
8 WITH THE ATLAS IRON AND METAL COMPANY. THIS PROJECT HAS NOT
9 BEEN PROPERLY REVIEWED AND TREATED WITH THE TIME AND
10 SERIOUSNESS DESERVED. NEW SCRAP INDUSTRY STANDARDS BEING
11 CONSIDERED AND DEVELOPED BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DEPARTMENT
12 OF REGIONAL PLANNING ALONG WITH THE INDUSTRY EXPERTS SHOULD
13 APPLY TO THIS PROJECT AND THE MANY OTHERS THAT HAVE OPERATED
14 AND ARE OPERATING NOW WITHOUT THE PERMITS. THIS OPERATION AT
15 2241 EAST 89TH STREET OPERATED APPROXIMATELY EIGHT MONTHS
16 WITHOUT ANY COUNTY PERMITS BEFORE BEING SHUT DOWN BY THE
17 COUNTY AND BEING FORCED TO APPLY FOR PERMIT TO OPERATE. DURING
18 THAT EIGHT MONTHS, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT
19 CITED AND HAD VEHICLES TOWED THAT WERE DISRUPTING TRAFFIC
20 ALONG ALAMEDA STREET. I PERSONALLY SAW THIS BECAUSE MY TRUCK
21 DRIVERS WOULD CALL ME THAT THEY COULDN'T GET THROUGH THE
22 CORRIDOR BECAUSE THEY HAD ONE LANE OF A TWO-LANE SOUTHBOUND
23 HIGHWAY BLOCKED. THIS FACILITY WAS GRANTED THE OPPORTUNITY TO
24 OPERATE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK, WHICH IS A CONCERN. MOST SCRAP
25 YARDS, IF NOT ALL IN THE AREA, ARE ALLOWED TO OPERATE MONDAY



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1 THROUGH SATURDAY. COMMISSIONER VALDEZ MOTIONED TO LET THE
2 APPLICANT OPERATE SEVEN DAYS A WEEK STATING BECAUSE OF THE
3 SIZE OF THE FACILITY THEY WOULD NEED ANOTHER DAY TO OPERATE
4 AND CLEAN UP THEIR YARD. THIS EXTRA DAY VERIFIES THE POINT
5 THAT THIS SITE IS TOO SMALL FOR A FERROUS SCRAP YARD. A
6 NONFERROUS OPERATION IS A BETTER FIT FOR SMALL PROPERTIES JUST
7 LIKE THIS ONE. I DON'T OPPOSE THIS APPLICANT HAVING A SCRAP
8 YARD OF A NONFERROUS OPERATION, THERE'S PLENTY OF ROOM FOR
9 THAT, BUT NOT FOR A LARGE STEEL YARD. THE COUNTY HAS
10 RECOGNIZED THERE IS A NEED TO DEVELOP NEW CODES AND STANDARDS
11 FOR SCRAP YARDS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY NEEDS TO WAIT UNTIL THESE
12 STANDARDS ARE DEVELOPED AND APPLY THE UPCOMING INDUSTRY
13 STANDARDS TO THIS FACILITY AND ALL THE OTHERS. IN RESPONSE TO
14 THE YOUNG LADY THAT JUST SPOKE ABOUT THE STORM WATER, THE
15 STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD HAS SENT LETTERS TO EVERY
16 SCRAP YARD IN THE DISTRICT REQUIRING THEM TO PUT IN SOME SORT
17 OF FILTRATION SYSTEMS. ANYTHING ELSE OTHER THAN THAT WOULD NOT
18 BE SATISFIED -- OR SATISFACTORY. THANK YOU.

19
20 **JEFF FARANO:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS JEFF FARANO. I AM WITH
21 S.A. RECYCLING. I TOO HAVE THE SAME CONCERNS ABOUT THIS
22 APPLICATION AS I DO ABOUT THE PRIOR APPLICATION. SIMPLY
23 SPEAKING, THE PROPOSED USE IT TOO MUCH FOR THE SIZE OF THE
24 PARCEL THEY HAVE. WE'VE HEARD COMPLAINTS THAT THE COMPETITION
25 IS KEEPING THESE OPERATIONS FROM OPENING. BUT QUITE FRANKLY,



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1 OUR CONCERN THAT WE RAISED IS THE REASON WHY THESE NEW
2 STANDARDS ARE BEING CONSIDERED, AND TO CREATE STANDARDS THAT
3 WOULD CREATE A SAFE OPERATION. THESE STANDARDS THAT ARE BEING
4 CONSIDERED ARE NOT BEING APPLIED FOR HERE. IN ADDITION, AS
5 POINTED OUT EARLIER, THE SIZE OF THE SITE IS REALLY THE KEY
6 ISSUE HERE, EVEN THOUGH THIS ONE IS SLIGHTLY LARGER THAN THE
7 OTHER ONE, THE OPERATION PROPOSED STILL OVERWHELMS THIS SITE.
8 WE'VE HEARD TESTIMONY FROM THE PRIOR OPERATOR THAT THEY HAVE A
9 NEW WAY OF PROCESSING, THEY ARE NOT GOING TO PROCESS THE WAY
10 OTHER OPERATORS ARE PROCESSING. BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN HOW
11 THEY'RE GOING TO DO THAT. WE REVIEWED THE APPLICATIONS, WE
12 REVIEWED THE SITE PLANS, AND THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY TO PROCESS
13 STEEL. WHEN YOU'RE GOING TO BRING IN STEEL IN SMALL PICKUP
14 TRUCKS, YOU HAVE TO SEND THEM OUT IN LARGE TRUCKS. AND NOW WE
15 HAVE A COMBINATION OF MULTIPLE USES TAKING PLACE ON THESE
16 PARCELS. WE HAVE TRUCKS COMING IN, WE HAVE TRUCKS GOING OUT,
17 WE HAVE SCALES IN OPERATION, WE HAVE PROCESSING, AND NOW THIS
18 ONE NOT ONLY HAS STEEL, IT ALSO HAS C.R.V. AND ALL THIS IS
19 COMBINED IN A SMALL, ONE-ACRE SITE. IT JUST SIMPLY CAN'T FIT.
20 WE BELIEVE THAT YOU SHOULD CONTINUE TO LOOK AT WHAT IS BEING
21 PROPOSED HERE AND NOT A GRANT TO USE ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS
22 UNTIL THE STANDARDS HAVE BEEN FULLY UNDERSTOOD. THE STANDARDS
23 HAVE TO BE COMPLETE -- CONTINUE TO BE VETTED OUT TO UNDERSTAND
24 WHAT IS BEING DONE ON THESE SITES. THE TRAFFIC AND PARKING IS
25 REALLY THE MOST DIFFICULT ISSUE. YOU SPENT A LONG TIME TRYING



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1 TO CLEAN UP THE ALAMEDA CORRIDOR AND NOW WE COME ALONG WITH
2 THESE USES THAT ARE GOING TO ADD ADDITIONAL TRAFFIC TO THE
3 CORRIDOR. THE NUMBER OF CONDITIONS THAT WERE BEING IMPOSED ON
4 THESE PROJECTS IS SIMPLY AN INDICATION THAT THE SITE DOESN'T
5 FIT. A ONE-ACRE SITE SIMPLY, OR IN ANY OTHER CASE, A HALF-ACRE
6 SITE SIMPLY DOESN'T FIT PROCESSING STEEL. SO I ENCOURAGE YOU
7 TO DENY THIS APPLICATION AS WELL AND TO CONTINUE TO REVIEW THE
8 STANDARDS THAT THE STAFF HAS SPENT CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME
9 PUTTING TOGETHER. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. PERMIT
14 ME TO READ THE FOLLOWING MOTION FOR OUR CONSIDERATION. "THE
15 HEARING BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY IS A REQUEST TO APPEAL A
16 CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT TO AUTHORIZE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A
17 SCRAP METAL PROCESSING YARD AND THE COLLECTION OF CARDBOARD,
18 NEWSPAPER, AND CALIFORNIA REDEMPTION VALUE MATERIALS IN THE M-
19 2 ZONE LOCATED AT 2241 EAST 89TH STREET IN THE UNINCORPORATED
20 AREA OF FLORENCE-FIRESTONE. WHILE THE APPELLANTS HAVE ALLEGED
21 ENVIRONMENTAL, OPERATIONAL AND TRAFFIC CONCERNS, THE PROJECT,
22 AS CONDITIONED AND MODIFIED, AS SET FORTH BY THIS MOTION,
23 SHOULD SUFFICIENTLY ADDRESS SUCH CONCERNS. WHILE THE
24 DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO ESTABLISH
25 STANDARD CONDITIONS TO ENSURE IMPROVED AND EQUITABLE



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1 REGULATION OF SCRAP YARD AND RECYCLING FACILITIES, UNTIL THAT
2 PROCESS IS COMPLETE, THE DEPARTMENT HAS PROVIDED
3 RECOMMENDATIONS IN ITS REPORT DATED OCTOBER 19 ON ADDITIONAL
4 CONDITIONS THAT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN C.U.P.S IN THE INTERIM,
5 WHICH WILL PROMOTE A SAFE, COORDINATED AND THOROUGH
6 ENFORCEMENT STRATEGY FOR THESE SENSITIVE USE FACILITIES. I
7 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CLOSE THE PUBLIC
8 HEARING AND FIND THAT THE PROJECT AS MODIFIED BY THIS MOTION
9 IS CATEGORICALLY EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL
10 QUALITY ACT AND INDICATE THE BOARD'S INTENT TO DENY THE APPEAL
11 AND MODIFY THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE
12 C.U.P. AS FOLLOWS: ONE, PROVIDE FOR 13 INSPECTIONS.
13 INSPECTIONS WILL OCCUR APPROXIMATELY BIANNUALLY FOR THE FIRST
14 THREE YEARS OF THE TERM AND ANNUALLY FOR THE LAST SEVEN YEARS
15 OF THE TERM. TWO, REQUIRE THAT VEHICLES BE INSTRUCTED TO STOP
16 IN DESIGNATED WAITING AREAS ONLY. THREE, PROVIDE THE DIRECTOR
17 OF THE DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PLANNING WITH THE AUTHORITY TO
18 DIRECT THE PERMITTEE TO HOLD A COMMUNITY MEETING SHOULD ISSUES
19 RELATED TO THE OPERATION OF THE FACILITY BE BROUGHT TO THE
20 ATTENTION OF THE DIRECTOR. AND, FOUR, FIND ANY VIOLATION OF
21 ANY REGULATION OR PERMIT BY ANY STATE OR FEDERAL AGENCY
22 GOVERNING THE PERMITTEE'S USE OF THE SITE, INCLUDING BUT NOT
23 LIMITED TO O.S.H.A., E.P.A., AND THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF
24 TOXIC SUBSTANCES, SHALL BE A VIOLATION OF THE C.U.P. AND SHALL
25 CONSTITUTE GROUNDS FOR ISSUANCE OF A NOTICE OF VIOLATION OF



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1 THE C.U.P. AND FINALLY, DIRECT THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO PREPARE
2 THE FINAL FINDINGS AND CONDITIONS OF THE C.U.P. TO BRING BACK
3 TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING FOR THE BOARD'S
4 CONSIDERATION AND DISPOSITION." I REQUEST A SECOND OF THE
5 MOTION, MR. CHAIR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. SECOND. ANY OBJECTION?
8 SO ORDERED.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

11

12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THIS WAS GOING TO BE THE
13 HEARING ON SKY TERRACE MOBILE HOME PARK CLOSURE IMPACT REPORT.
14 HOWEVER, THE APPLICANT HAS WITHDRAWN HIS OR HER APPEAL AND THE
15 BOARD HAS ABANDONED ITS PROCEEDINGS ON IT. HOWEVER, THERE IS A
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THIS ITEM.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** DONNA CORNELL.

19

20 **DONNA CORNELL:** TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AS A RESIDENT-
21 OWNER HERE AT SKY TERRACE MOBILE HOME PARK, THE PARK, I HAVE A
22 FEW QUESTIONS I WOULD LIKE ADDRESSED. FIRST, I WOULD LIKE TO
23 ASK THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION AND THE ZONING
24 COMMISSION, WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN SINCE 1986? THE ZONE EXCEPTION
25 CASE NO. 97980, FIVE PAGES, DATED JANUARY 25, 1966, WAS



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1 GRANTED FOR A PERIOD OF 20 YEARS, FROM 1966 TO 1986, WITH
2 CERTAIN CONDITIONS FROM THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I DID NOT
3 BUY MY MOBILE HOME UNTIL 1989, AND AT NO TIME WAS I EVER
4 NOTIFIED THAT THIS PARK WAS ILLEGAL OR NOT ZONED RESIDENTIAL
5 NOR WAS I TOLD THAT THE PARK WAS A PRIOR DUMP, TOXIC DUMP. THE
6 ROAD CONDITIONS HAVE NOT BEEN KEPT UP FOR THE 21 YEARS I HAVE
7 LIVED HERE AND THERE ARE STILL TOXIC GASSES LEADING OUT WHILE
8 18-WHEELERS STILL TRAVEL DAILY UP AND DOWN THE HILL. MY MAIN
9 CONCERN FROM THIS ARE THE HEALTH RISK THAT WE ARE ALL PUT INTO
10 WITHOUT KNOWLEDGE. IN THE ZONE EXCEPTION CONDITIONS NO. 11, IT
11 CLEARLY STATES THAT THIS PARK SHALL BE RESTRICTED TO PERSONS
12 OVER 16 YEARS OF AGE. WHEN I BOUGHT THIS PARK IN 1989, MY SON
13 WAS 12 YEARS OLD, AND I WAS NEVER TOLD THIS. AND TODAY I HAVE
14 MY TWO GRANDSONS LIVING HERE WITH ME FOR 10 YEARS, AND I WAS
15 NEVER TOLD THIS UNTIL I READ IT FOR MYSELF A FEW MONTHS AGO.
16 AT THE TIME OF THE MERRICK FIRE, THERE WERE 25 CHILDREN UNDER
17 THE AGE OF 16 YEARS OF AGE RESIDING AT SKY TERRACE. THIS WAS
18 TRULY NEGLIGENT. CONDITION NO. 12, IT CLEARLY STATES THAT
19 THERE WAS SUPPOSED TO BE A SIX-FOOT CHAIN LINK FENCE
20 CONSTRUCTED ALONG THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE PROPERTY. THE
21 FENCE BARELY REACHES FIVE FEET. WHEN I MOVED INTO SKY TERRACE
22 MOBILE HOME PARK IN 1989, I WAS ASSURED THAT THIS WOULD BE A
23 MOBILE HOME PARK FOREVER. ON AUGUST 29, 2006, AT A BARBECUE AT
24 THE NEW MANAGER AT THE TIME, LISA TERRELL'S MOBILE HOME,
25 KRISTINE SALSTROM TOLD EVERYONE TO TAKE PRIDE IN SKY TERRACE



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1 AND FIX YOUR PLACES UP. I INVESTED \$15,000, PUT IT ON A CREDIT
2 CARD THAT I HAD TO PAY BACK IN TWO YEARS, ONLY TO FIND OUT
3 THAT THEY WERE IN NEGOTIATIONS WITH JOHN DEWEY TO SELL THE
4 PLACE. FOR KRISTINE SALSTROM TO STAND THERE AT A BARBECUE AND
5 TELL EVERYONE TO INVEST MORE MONEY INTO THEIR HOME AND AT SOME
6 POINT THEY MIGHT BE ABLE TO EVEN BUY THEIR PLACES, THE LAND
7 THAT YOU LIVE ON, WAS MISLEADING AND VERY NEGLIGENT. NOW IN
8 MARCH 2010, WE WERE GIVEN THE IMPACT REPORT. BECAUSE OF THE
9 AGE OF OUR MOBILE HOMES UP HERE, OUR CHOICES GIVEN TO US IS TO
10 MOVE TO LANCASTER OR FURTHER OR DESTROY YOUR HOME YOURSELF
11 WITH THE MINIMAL AMOUNT OF MONEY. AND TO MY UNDERSTANDING,
12 THIS MONEY ONLY COMES TO YOU AFTERWARDS. IN THE LAST HEARING,
13 JULY 21, 2010, SOMEONE ON THE COMMISSION, I DON'T REMEMBER HIS
14 NAME, STATED "IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN BETTER OFF
15 FINANCIALLY IF YOU HAD -- IF YOUR PLACE HAD BURNED." THAT IS A
16 PRETTY SAD THING TO SAY TO SOMEONE THAT'S GOING THROUGH
17 SOMETHING LIKE THIS. BUT I REALIZE NOW HE MIGHT HAVE BEEN
18 RIGHT. THE COMMISSION APPROVED THE CLOSURE OF THE PARK WITH A
19 59.7% INCREASE FROM THE 1991 RATES AND THE GUIDELINES. WHY ARE
20 WE STILL USING 1991 RATES IN 2010? SO INSTEAD OF \$10,000
21 MINIMAL PAYMENT, YOU WOULD BE REPLACED WITH 15,970. THIS
22 AMOUNT OF MONEY ISN'T EVEN ENOUGH FOR A DOWN PAYMENT AFTER
23 MOVING OR DESTROYING YOUR HOME. I FOR ONE CANNOT MOVE OUT OF
24 THE SYLMAR AREA, NOR DO I WANT TO. I HAVE TWO ELDERLY PARENTS
25 WHO I CARE FOR AND TAKE CARE OF THEM AND CANNOT BE THAT FAR



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1 AWAY FROM THEM. TO BE OFFERED THIS MINIMAL AMOUNT OF MONEY TO
2 MOVE OR DESTROY YOUR HOME AND START ALL OVER AGAIN OVER
3 SOMETHING YOU HAVE NO CONTROL OVER IS BEYOND MY COMPREHENSION.
4 THE NEGLIGENCE THAT HAS BEEN SHOWN BY ALL ENTITIES OF OUR
5 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES AND ALL OWNERS OF SKY TERRACE MOBILE
6 HOME PARK IS APPALLING. MY REQUEST IS THAT WE DEAL WITH WHAT'S
7 HAPPENING HERE IN 2010. THE PRICES FOR 2010, NOT 1991. THE
8 AMOUNT THAT THEY WANT TO INCREASE IT IS VERY MINIMAL. THAT
9 WILL GET US NOWHERE. EVERYTHING THAT WAS PRICED IN 1991 -- GAS
10 WAS A DOLLAR A GALLON, NOW IT'S OVER THREE DOLLARS A GALLON.
11 THAT'S A 300% INCREASE.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. LET ME ASK COUNSEL,
14 TOO, ON THE TIME TO APPEAL. AND SECONDLY, THE USING A 1990
15 RATE VERSUS A 2010 COST OF LIVING.

16

17 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, THE FIRST ISSUE ABOUT THE
18 APPEAL, THIS APPEAL, THERE WAS ONE APPELLANT -- LET ME BACK
19 UP. THE REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION APPROVED A CLOSURE IMPACT
20 REPORT. THERE WERE HEARINGS IN FRONT OF THE COMMISSION AND
21 THERE WAS ONE APPELLANT. AND SO THE HEARING WAS SET. SINCE
22 THAT TIME, THE APPELLANT HAS WITHDRAWN THE APPEAL AND THE
23 PROCEEDINGS HAVE BEEN ABANDONED, SO THERE IS NO APPEAL
24 PROCEEDING IN FRONT OF THE BOARD. TODAY MISS CORNELL IS
25 TESTIFYING AS A PUBLIC COMMENT UNDER THE BROWN ACT, BUT THERE



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1 IS NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN ON THE APPEAL BECAUSE THERE IS NO
2 PROCEEDING IN FRONT OF YOU. ON THE ISSUE OF THE 19-- AND AS A
3 RESULT OF THAT, ONCE THE APPEAL WAS WITHDRAWN, THE REGIONAL
4 PLANNING COMMISSION'S APPROVAL OF THE CLOSURE IMPACT REPORT
5 BECAME FINAL. ON SECOND QUESTION YOU RAISED WAS THE 1991
6 RATES. I BELIEVE C.D.C. WORKED EXTENSIVELY ON REVIEWING THE
7 CLOSURE IMPACT REPORT. IT WAS THE SUBJECT OF PUBLIC REVIEW AND
8 COMMISSION HEARINGS. THERE WERE ADJUSTMENTS MADE FROM 1991
9 RATES TO ACCOMMODATE INFLATION, ET CETERA. AND TO THE EXTENT
10 THAT THERE WERE QUESTIONS ABOUT THOSE RATES, THEY COULD
11 APPROPRIATELY BE RAISED AT THE PLANNING COMMISSION. AND I
12 BELIEVE BASED ON THE IMPACT REPORT THAT WAS PRESENTED TO THE
13 PLANNING COMMISSION, THEY FELT ALL SUCH ISSUES WERE
14 APPROPRIATELY ADDRESSED.

15
16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO ARE YOU SAYING THAT THE
17 1990-PLUS RATES HAD BEEN ADJUSTED UP TO THE 2010 COST OF
18 LIVING?

19
20 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** I BELIEVE THERE WAS A 59% ADJUSTMENT
21 INCREASE FROM THE 1999 -- EXCUSE ME, THE 1999 RATES IN THE
22 REPORT.

23
24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** 1999?



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1 **DONNA CORNELL:** 1991.

2

3 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** EXCUSE ME. 1991 RATES. THERE WAS A 59%
4 ADJUSTMENT THAT C.D.C. RECOMMENDED UPWARDS TO ACCOUNT FOR
5 MODERN PRICES AND TIMES. AND I BELIEVE THAT WAS -- THE
6 COMMISSION BELIEVED THAT THAT WAS AN APPROPRIATE ADJUSTMENT.
7 THERE WERE OTHER ADJUSTMENTS MADE THROUGHOUT THE REPORT TO
8 ADDRESS CURRENT CIRCUMSTANCES, FOR EXAMPLE, CIRCUMSTANCES OF
9 RELOCATION WHERE THE TENANTS COULD GO IF THERE WERE ANY PARKS
10 AVAILABLE, WHAT THE RATES WOULD BE AT THOSE OTHER PARKS, THE
11 COST OF TRANSFERRING THE MOBILE HOMES TO THOSE PARKS, ALL OF
12 THIS WAS ADDRESSED. IT'S REQUIRED TO BE ADDRESSED UNDER TITLE
13 8 OF OUR CODE TO LOOK AT FOR EACH RESPECTIVE TENANT. MANY OF
14 THE TENANTS WERE PART OF THE PROCESS WITH THE CONSULTANT WHO
15 WAS LOOKING AT RELOCATION. I'M NOT ENTIRELY SURE IF MISS
16 CORNELL WAS ONE OF THOSE PARTICIPANTS. BUT I KNOW THEY REACHED
17 OUT. CONSULTANTS WHO WERE DOING THE REPORT REACHED OUT AND
18 SENT SEVERAL NOTICES THE MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO GET
19 INVOLVED IN ADDRESSING THEIR INDIVIDUAL CIRCUMSTANCES FOR
20 RELOCATION.

21

22 **DONNA CORNELL:** TO ADDRESS THE ISSUE OF THE APPEAL. I DID PUT A
23 CALL IN TO FIND OUT THE PROCEDURES FOR THE APPEAL, TO ADD MY
24 APPEAL. I WAS TOLD BY THE OFFICE THAT SOMEONE HAD ALREADY
25 PLACED AN APPEAL AND IT WASN'T NECESSARY FOR ME TO PUT MY



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1 APPEAL IN. THIS PERSON THEN WITHDREW HER APPEAL. NOT KNOWING
2 THAT I WAS MISINFORMED, BLEW THE CHANCES FOR AN APPEAL TO
3 HAPPEN FOR THE 12 FAMILIES THAT ARE LEFT REMAINING IN THE
4 PARK. THERE WERE 60 FAMILIES LIVING IN THE PARK. THERE'S NO
5 REASON WHY WE'VE HAD TO LIVE IN THESE CONDITIONS FOR TWO YEARS
6 PLUS A FEW DAYS. SINCE THE FIRE, WE'VE HAD TO LIVE IN
7 CONDITIONS THAT ARE VERY, VERY BAD. AND I ACTUALLY INITIATED
8 THE CLEAN-UP IN OUR PARK BECAUSE I COULD NOT TAKE MY TWO
9 GRANDSONS OUT OF THE HOUSE WITHOUT SWIRLS OF ASHES. IT WAS
10 EVERYWHERE. IT WAS IN OUR HOUSES. EVERY TIME WE CLEANED IT,
11 IT'S STILL COMING IN OUR HOUSES. IT'S STILL NOT COMPLETELY
12 CLEAN. EVEN WITH ALL OF THAT.

13

14 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** SUPERVISOR, ON THE APPEAL ISSUE, I AM
15 AWARE, IN FACT, I SPOKE WITH MS. CORNELL YESTERDAY THAT SHE
16 WOULD HAVE LIKED TO HAVE FILED HER APPEAL. HOWEVER, I NOTED TO
17 HER THAT THERE WAS AN APPEAL PERIOD AND THAT EACH APPELLANT
18 HAS TO PRESERVE THEIR OWN RIGHTS TO FILE AN APPEAL. AND WHEN
19 THE APPELLANT WANTED TO WITHDRAW, WE THE COUNTY HAD THE LEGAL
20 RESPONSIBILITY TO ALLOW THAT APPELLANT TO WITHDRAW. AND SO THE
21 APPEAL PERIOD LAPSED AND THERE WAS NO AVAILABLE REMEDY THROUGH
22 AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD. THERE WAS NO LONGER AN APPEAL PERIOD.
23 I WOULD ALSO ADD THAT BECAUSE OF MY CONVERSATIONS WITH MS.
24 CORNELL YESTERDAY, I DID TALK TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO SEE
25 IF, IN FACT, INFORMATION WAS GIVEN OUT TO SUGGEST THAT PEOPLE



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1 DIDN'T NEED TO FILE AN APPEAL BECAUSE THERE HAD BEEN ONE
2 ALREADY FILED. AND UPON MY INQUIRY, I LEARNED THAT THERE WAS
3 ONE OTHER CALL OTHER THAN THE APPELLANT WHO ASKED ABOUT AN
4 APPEAL AND THAT CALL CAME INTO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE AFTER THE
5 CLOSE OF THE APPEAL PERIOD, SO EVEN IF THAT PERSON WHO CALLED
6 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE WANTED TO FILE, IT WAS TOO LATE.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO WHAT OPPORTUNITIES DOES MS.
9 CORNELL HAVE TO ADJUDICATE THE ISSUE THAT SHE'S FACED WITH
10 NOW?

11

12 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** I BELIEVE MS. CORNELL COULD BRING A
13 LAWSUIT, CHALLENGE THE ACTION IN COURT. OBVIOUSLY SHE WOULD
14 NEED AN ATTORNEY AND SHE WOULD MAKE HER ARGUMENTS NOT ONLY
15 ABOUT THE VALIDITY OF THE IMPACT REPORT, SHE WOULD RAISE THOSE
16 QUESTIONS, AND THEN ON THE ISSUE OF THE APPEAL AND
17 PROCEEDINGS, SHE WOULD HAVE TO MAKE HER CLAIMS THAT SHE
18 SOMEHOW DIDN'T UNDERSTAND THE APPEAL PROCESS AND THAT SHE
19 DIDN'T FILE APPROPRIATELY OR SHE WAS MISLED OR MISGUIDED FROM
20 THE COUNTY AND THAT WOULD BE PART OF THE LITIGATION.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** CAN WE GET HER INFORMATION
23 RELATIVE TO LEGAL AID IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN THAT EFFORT?

24



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1 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** CERTAINLY, SUPERVISOR, WE CAN ASSIST
2 HER IN THAT EFFORT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** COULD YOU GET THAT INFORMATION
5 TO MISS CORNELL?

6

7 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** YES, I WILL.

8

9 **DONNA CORNELL:** THAT'S JUST ONE MORE THING I HAVE TO GO
10 THROUGH. THAT'S JUST ONE MORE THING I HAVE TO GO THROUGH. IS
11 THERE ANY WAY --

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THERE ARE NO OTHER REMEDIES?

14

15 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** THE ONLY OTHER REMEDY THAT'S AUTHORIZED
16 IN THE ORDINANCE, WHICH IS IN TITLE 8 WHICH DEALS WITH MOBILE
17 HOME PARKS, IS REALLY A REMEDY WHERE THE BOARD WOULD HAVE
18 AUTHORITY TO REVOKE OR AMEND AN IMPACT REPORT SHOULD THE BOARD
19 HAVE GROUNDS THAT THE APPLICANT, THE OWNER WAS NOT COMPLYING
20 WITH THE CONDITIONS OF THE CLOSURE IMPACT REPORT. IT'S A
21 PRETTY HARSH REMEDY, IT AUTHORIZES THE BOARD TO CALL UP A
22 MATTER TO REVOKE OR AMEND. I DO NOT BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT
23 THAT PROVISION OF THE ORDINANCE WOULD BE PROPER GROUNDS UNDER
24 THESE CIRCUMSTANCES TO AMEND THE IMPACT REPORT.

25



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO YOU'RE SAYING UNDER THE
2 PROCESS THAT'S BEEN FOLLOWED, WE DON'T HAVE GROUNDS TO MAKE
3 THAT REQUEST.

4

5 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** THAT'S WHAT I BELIEVE, SUPERVISOR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND HER ONLY OPPORTUNITY IS IF
8 LEGAL AID WILL ASSIST HER IN BRINGING THIS ISSUE.

9

10 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** THAT'S MY BELIEF, YES, SIR.

11

12 **DONNA CORNELL:** WHAT RESPONSIBILITY DOES THE COUNTY TAKE IN ALL
13 OF THIS?

14

15 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** WELL, AS I DISCUSSED WITH MS. CORNELL
16 EXTENSIVELY YESTERDAY, CERTAINLY THE COUNTY, THE DEPARTMENT OF
17 REGIONAL PLANNING, HAS ENFORCEMENT DUTIES OVER THE YEARS TO
18 ENFORCE THE CONDITIONS OF ANY PERMITS THAT WERE ISSUED FOR
19 THAT USE AND TO ENSURE THAT THE PROPERTY IS USED IN ACCORDANCE
20 WITH THE STATE AND FEDERAL LAWS AND PROTECTING HEALTH AND
21 SAFETY. I DON'T BELIEVE -- IN FACT, REGIONAL PLANNING STAFF IS
22 HERE TO THE EXTENT THERE ARE QUESTIONS, BUT I DON'T BELIEVE
23 ANY OF THOSE ISSUES ROSE TO ANY LEVEL THAT WOULD HAVE
24 PROHIBITED THE PLANNING COMMISSION FROM APPROVING THE IMPACT
25 REPORT.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** LET ME ASK THIS. CAN WE
3 AUTHORIZE C.D.C., HAVE THE ABILITY TO AUTHORIZE SECTION 8
4 EMERGENCY VOUCHERS FOR THIS CASE?

5

6 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** I WOULD HAVE TO LOOK AT THAT AND TALK
7 TO -- I'M NOT CERTAIN OF THE ANSWER OF THAT, BUT WE CAN
8 CERTAINLY LOOK INTO VOUCHERS, SECTION 8 VOUCHERS FOR MS.
9 CORNELL TO ASSIST. I BELIEVE THERE WAS DISCUSSION OF SECTION 8
10 VOUCHERS IN THE IMPACT REPORT FOR SEVERAL OF THE TENANTS, SO
11 IT'S VERY POSSIBLE THAT THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE. WE'D HAVE TO
12 CONSULT WITH C.D.C.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** CAN WE GET A REPLY FOR MS.
15 CORNELL FROM THE C.D.C. ON THAT, THEN?

16

17 **LARRY HAFETZ, COUNSEL:** YES, WE WILL.

18

19 **DONNA CORNELL:** OKAY, AND JUST AS WE DISCUSSED YESTERDAY, YOU
20 SUGGESTED THAT I COME AND PUT THIS ON THE RECORD. HE DID TELL
21 ME TO DO THAT.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WHICH YOU HAVE DONE, RIGHT.
24 AND WE'RE GLAD YOU DID. YEAH.

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1 **DONNA CORNELL:** SO I HAPPEN TO BE THE ONLY ONE UP HERE AT SKY
2 TERRACE, AND I THINK WITH THE 12 REMAINING FAMILIES THAT ARE
3 LEFT IN THE MOBILE HOME PARK, THAT SOMETHING SHOULD BE ABLE TO
4 BE REACHED WITH THE NEW OWNERS AND THROUGH THE COUNTY THAT
5 WOULD HELP ASSIST THESE 12 FAMILIES THAT ARE LEFT UP THERE.
6 THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU, MISS CORNELL.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE ARE ON ITEM NO. 6. AND THIS IS THE
11 HEARING ON INCREASE TO THE MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM TICKET PRICES
12 PROPOSED BY LOS ANGELES PHILHARMONIC ASSOCIATION FOR THE 2011
13 HOLLYWOOD BOWL SEASON AND FIND PROPOSED ACTIONS EXEMPT FROM
14 THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT. THERE IS NO
15 DEPARTMENT STATEMENT AND NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED. THERE
16 ARE A COUPLE OF PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** JOHN WALSH AND ARNOLD SACHS.

19

20 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH, BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.
21 EMAIL US WITH DOCUMENTS AT HOLLYWOODDEMS@GMAIL.COM. AND FOLLOW
22 US ON TWITTER AT HOLLYWOODDEMS. THERE IS NO PUBLIC PERFORMANCE
23 SPACE ON THE PLANET EARTH THAT CAN COMPARE TO THE HOLLYWOOD
24 BOWL. AND I THANK EVERY CITY, EVERY SINGLE SUPERVISOR,
25 INCLUDING THE ONE WHO WAS MURDERED IN 1953 RIGHT IN THIS



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1 BUILDING, RIGHT UP THERE, I THANK THEM ALL FOR PRESENTING --
2 GIVING US THIS SPACE AT BARGAIN PRICES. WHERE ELSE ON THE
3 WORLD -- I HAVE SEEN VAN CLIBURN FOR THREE DOLLARS. I'VE SEEN
4 VICTOR BORGE FOR THREE DOLLARS. NOWHERE ELSE. NOW, OTHER
5 PLACES, OTHER STATES, OTHER CITIES HAVE SIMILAR SPACES, BUT
6 THEY'RE WAY, WAY OUT OF THE CITY. THEY'RE VERY DIFFICULT TO
7 GET TO. ONLY THE PEOPLE WHO RUN IT ARE COURTEOUS. EVERYTHING
8 IS FINE THERE. BUT RAISING THE COST, RAISING THE TICKET PRICE,
9 WE SHOULD NOT HAVE TO PAY. BECAUSE WHEN YOU RAISE THE TICKET
10 PRICE, THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF MONEY WILL NOT
11 SHOW UP. IN OTHER WORDS, AND THOSE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS
12 ANGELES ARE GENERALLY MINORITIES. I REMEMBER GOING TO THE
13 HOLLYWOOD BOWL 25 YEARS AGO FOR CLASSICAL MUSIC. IT WAS 90
14 PERCENT WHITE PEOPLE. YOU GO NOW THERE AND IT'S ALMOST 50
15 PERCENT MINORITY, INCLUDING A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF ASIAN
16 AMERICANS. AS THINGS HAVE CHANGED, THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL IS A
17 SNAPSHOT OF THIS COUNTY AND THIS REGION. AND FOR AN EXTRA TWO
18 OR THREE DOLLARS THAT YOU'RE GOING TO ADD TO WHAT IT COSTS TO
19 GET IN THERE, IT'S NOT FAIR. YOU HAVE A MULTIBILLION DOLLAR
20 BUDGET. I'M ASKING YOU PLEASE -- AND ALSO, YOU HAVE TO DO
21 C.E.Q.A. YOU MUST DO AN ENVIRONMENTAL REPORT. I'D LIKE TO
22 THANK MR. FUJIOKA, BUT HE IS WRONG. AND I'D LIKE TO SAY
23 APPEARING IN FRONT OF THESE FIVE SUPERVISORS HERE IS NIGHT AND
24 DAY. THURSDAY I WILL APPEAR BEFORE THE SUPERVISORS WITHOUT THE
25 CAMERA. THEY WILL BE NASTY. THEY WILL THREATEN ME BECAUSE



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1 THERE'S NO CAMERA AT M.T.A. THERE'S A CAMERA HERE. AND THE
2 ONLY REASON I EXEMPT MIKE ANTONOVICH, THE ONLY REASON THEY'RE
3 NOT BEING NASTY IS BECAUSE YOU FOLKS OUT THERE, THEY'RE AFRAID
4 OF YOU. THANK YOU.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING. ARNOLD SACHS. I
7 QUESTION THE NEED FOR THE PRICE INCREASE UNLESS IT'S DIRECTLY
8 TIED TO THE ACTION THE CITY OF L.A., THE TRANSPORTATION
9 COMMISSION TOOK LAST YEAR IN REGARDS TO THE FACT THAT THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SAFETY, PEOPLE WHO DO THE TRAFFIC
11 CONTROL WERE IN A CRISIS WITH THEIR OVERTIME PAYMENT. THAT THE
12 OFFICERS THEY ASSIGNED TO CERTAIN VENUES THROUGHOUT THE CITY
13 OF L.A., INCLUDING THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL, INCLUDING THE STAPLES
14 CENTER, INCLUDING THE COLISEUM, INCLUDING DODGERS STADIUM,
15 WERE BEING PAID OVERTIME TO WORK THOSE VENUES. AND THAT
16 BECAUSE THEY WERE CONSIDERED SPECIAL EVENTS, THEY WERE EXEMPT
17 FROM CHARGES. THE VENUES THEMSELVES WERE EXEMPT FROM PAYING
18 FOR PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS. SO I HAVE BASICALLY TWO QUESTIONS:
19 WILL THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL BE PAYING FOR THE PUBLIC SAFETY? WHICH
20 IS QUESTION NUMBER ONE. BUT QUESTION NUMBER TWO: WILL THE
21 HOLLYWOOD BOWL, IF THEY HAVE TO PAY FOR PUBLIC SAFETY
22 OFFICERS, WILL THEY BE PAYING FOR OFFICERS TO WORK OVERTIME?
23 BECAUSE I DON'T THINK THAT THAT SHOULD BE PART OF THE
24 EQUATION. IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE -- IF THERE'S A NEED TO PAY
25 FOR THE OFFICERS, AND AT THE COLISEUM, NOT ONLY DO THEY PAY



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1 FOR OFFICERS, OR NOT PAY FOR OFFICERS, BUT THE CITY PUT AN
2 EXTRA 20 OFFICERS ON THE PAYROLL AS SOMEWHAT OF A REWARD. BUT
3 IF THEY'RE GOING TO BE PAYING FOR OFFICERS TO WORK THESE
4 VENUES, AND THIS ONE INCLUDED, THEN LET THEM PAY THE REGULAR
5 RATE. THIS IS AN OPPORTUNITY NOT TO BLOAT THE FEED BAG. BUT IF
6 THEY HAVE TO PAY, AND I BELIEVE BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS OF THE
7 CITY MANAGEMENT, PAY REGULAR RATES. NOT TIME AND A HALF. I
8 BELIEVE WHEN THEY RAN A STORY LAST YEAR, IT WAS ALMOST \$43 AN
9 HOUR THAT THE PUBLIC SAFETY OFFICERS WERE GETTING AT THE
10 HOLLYWOOD BOWL. THAT SHOULDN'T BE A CREDIBLE CHARGE. LET THEM
11 PAY REGULAR TIME. LET THEM BE CHARGED REGULAR TIME. AND NOT
12 PUT THAT EXTRA TIME AND A HALF ON THE BACKS OF THE PUBLIC.
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WE HAVE A MOTION BEFORE THE
16 BOARD, MOTION BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED WITHOUT
17 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** OKAY. ON ITEM NO. 7, THIS IS THE HEARING ON
20 AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY CODE TITLE 32, FIRE CODE, TO
21 ESTABLISH A NEW PERMIT FEE AND INCREASE THE EXISTING PERMIT
22 FEES TO REFLECT THE OPERATING COSTS INCURRED FOR THE REVIEWING
23 AND PROCESSING OF PERMITS RELATED TO MOTION PICTURE,
24 TELEVISION AND COMMERCIAL PRODUCTIONS, PYROTECHNICS, SPECIAL
25 EFFECTS AND FIELD DISPENSING TRUCKS/VEHICLES WHEN OPERATING



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1 OUTSIDE OF AN APPROVED PRODUCTION FACILITY. FIND THAT THE FEES
2 ADOPTED FOR THE PURPOSE OF MEETING OPERATIONAL EXPENSES IS
3 EXEMPT FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT AND
4 INTRODUCE, WAIVE READING AND ADOPT THE ORDINANCE AND ORDAIN
5 THAT THE NEW AND ADJUSTED FEES WILL TAKE EFFECT 30 DAYS
6 FOLLOWING ITS ADOPTION. IN ADDITION, AS INDICATED ON THE
7 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, SUPERVISOR KNABE INTRODUCED A SUBSTITUTE
8 MOTION ON THIS ITEM. I BELIEVE THAT THE FIRE CHIEF IS HERE TO
9 MAKE A DEPARTMENT STATEMENT. NO CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED ON
10 THIS MATTER, BUT THERE ARE SOME PUBLIC SPEAKERS.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN?

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST TO CLARIFY MY MOTION. THERE'S BEEN SOME
17 DISCUSSION. MY MOTION DOES NOT INDICATE AT SOME POINT THAT
18 THESE INCREASES MAY NOT BE NEEDED. WHAT I'M ASKING, MY MOTION
19 IS, TO IMPLEMENT SOME RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN WORKED
20 OUT BETWEEN THE INDUSTRY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OVER A YEAR
21 AGO AS IT RELATES TO THE SPOT CHECKS. AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, TO
22 IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM AS IT RELATES TO COLLECTION OF FEES TO
23 CONTRACT CITIES AND SEE WHERE WE'RE AT AND SEE AT THAT POINT,
24 PER MY MOTION, WHETHER OR NOT THE INCREASE IN FEES IS



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1 NECESSARY. SO I WANTED TO MAKE THAT CLARIFICATION PRIOR TO
2 PRESENTATION BY THE DEPARTMENT.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** CHIEF FREEMAN?

5

6 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** HONORABLE CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AS WE ALL KNOW, WITHIN THE COUNTY
8 AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT OVER THE PAST THREE YEARS HAS REDUCED
9 OUR ANNUAL EXPENDITURES BY \$70 MILLION. AND THIS CURRENT
10 FISCAL YEAR, WE'RE SEEKING TO REDUCE OUR EXPENDITURES BY AN
11 ADDITIONAL \$20 MILLION. WE'VE LOOKED AT ALL NONEMERGENCY
12 OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT. AND ONE AREA INVOLVES THE PUBLIC
13 SAFETY AND FILM UNIT WHICH HAS AN ANNUAL COST PLUS OVERHEAD OF
14 TOTAL 1.3 MILLION, WHICH IS CURRENTLY BEING FUNDED FOR THE
15 MOST PART OUT OF OUR ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET. THIS SERVICE,
16 PROVIDED BY THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM UNIT, IS A PUBLIC
17 SAFETY SERVICE, BUT IT IS FOCUSED TOTALLY ON THE FILM AND
18 MOTION PICTURE AND STILL PHOTOGRAPHY INDUSTRY. AND WHAT IS
19 BEFORE YOUR BOARD IS OUR RECOMMENDATION TO ADJUST THE FEES AND
20 ENACT AN ADDITIONAL OR A NEW FEE TO HELP OFFSET THE \$1.3
21 MILLION OF ANNUAL OPERATIONAL COSTS WHICH SERVE THE INDUSTRY
22 SINCE 2006 THAT PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM UNIT STAFFING HAS
23 INCREASED FROM JUST TWO INDIVIDUALS TO A TOTAL OF SEVEN, WHICH
24 CURRENTLY SERVE THE INDUSTRY TODAY. THE CURRENT FEES WHICH ARE
25 IN PLACE AND CONTAINED WITHIN THE FIRE CODE, IF COLLECTED TO



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1 100 PERCENT LEVELS, WOULD STILL FALL NEARLY \$800,000 A YEAR
2 SHORT OF FULLY OFFSETTING THE COST OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND
3 FILM UNIT. THAT MEANS THAT THE TAXPAYERS WOULD CONTINUE TO
4 BEAR THE LION'S SHARE OF THE COST OR THAT STAFFING CUTS WITHIN
5 THIS UNIT WOULD NEED TO BE MADE. THE SPOT CHECKS SO-CALLED, OR
6 THE FIELD FILM INSPECTION PROGRAM, IS AN IMPORTANT ELEMENT
7 THAT WE HAVE BEEN WORKING ON MOST RECENTLY WITH THE FILM
8 INDUSTRY. BUT THAT SPOT CHECK PROGRAM DOES REQUIRE THE
9 STAFFING THAT IS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM UNIT. SO THE
10 TWO GO HAND-IN-HAND, ALTHOUGH THE FEES ARE SEPARATE AND APART
11 FROM THE COSTS THAT ARE BORN BY THE INDUSTRY IF AN F.S.A.,
12 FIRE SAFETY ADVISORY, IS REQUIRED TO BE ON LOCATION FOR
13 FILMING. ANOTHER IMPORTANT ELEMENT, OF COURSE, IS COLLECTION
14 SITES FOR THE FEES. JUST YESTERDAY, A COLLECTION SITE IN THE
15 CITY OF COMMERCE WAS MADE AVAILABLE. AND AS A POINT AT WHICH
16 ACTUAL PAYMENTS CAN BE MADE TO COLLECT FILM FEES THROUGHOUT
17 THE DISTRICT, WHICH INCLUDES WITHIN THE CONTRACT CITIES.
18 HOWEVER, WHAT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT, AND I BELIEVE THAT WE IN
19 THE FILM INDUSTRY AGREE THAT IF THERE WERE TO BE AN EXPEDITED
20 METHOD WHEREBY PAYMENTS FOR THESE TYPES OF FEES, AT WHATEVER
21 LEVEL, COULD BE DONE THROUGH E-COMMERCE OR PAID
22 ELECTRONICALLY, IT WOULD EXPEDITE THE PROCESS AND IT WOULD
23 CERTAINLY INCREASE OUR ABILITY TO COLLECT THOSE FEES. SO
24 BEFORE YOUR BOARD THIS MORNING OR THIS AFTERNOON ARE OUR
25 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE FEES TO CONTINUE THE CURRENT STAFFING



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1 LEVEL OF SEVEN PERSONNEL IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM UNIT
2 AND TO OFFSET THE COSTS OF THE OPERATION OF THAT PROGRAM.
3 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** FIRST, CHIEF FREEMAN, HOW DID
6 YOU CALCULATE THESE NEW FEES? AND HOW DO THESE FEES DIFFER
7 FROM THE PROPOSAL THAT IS IN SUPERVISOR KNABE'S AMENDMENT?

8

9 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THE NEW FEES WERE CALCULATED ON THE
10 BASIS OF THE TOTAL COST OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM UNIT
11 PLUS REASONABLE OVERHEAD TO OPERATE THAT UNIT. AND THEN THE
12 COSTS WERE SPREAD ACROSS THE VARIOUS TYPES OF PERMITS THAT ARE
13 ISSUED BY THE PERSONNEL IN THAT UNIT BASED ON THE PERCENTAGE
14 OF TIME THAT THE PERSONNEL SPEND IN EACH OF THOSE CATEGORIES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND NOW THE PROPOSED FEES THAT
17 YOU'RE SUGGESTING DIFFER FROM THE AMENDMENT OF SUPERVISOR
18 KNABE WHICH WERE PREDICATED UPON FEES THAT YOU HAD ORIGINALLY
19 SUBMITTED. WHY IS THERE A DIFFERENCE? AND WHAT IS THAT TIME
20 FRAME WHEN THE ORIGINAL FEES WERE BEING DISCUSSED?

21

22 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THE DIFFERENCE IN THE FEES, IN LINE
23 WITH SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION, AND WHAT IS PROPOSED IS THE
24 FUNCTION OF THE FULL COST AND OVERHEAD OF THE UNIT AS IT IS
25 STAFFED TODAY WITH SEVEN PERSONNEL. THE FEES THAT ARE



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1 CURRENTLY IN PLACE GO BACK TO 2006 WHEN THEY WERE PUT IN
2 PLACE, AND THAT WAS BASED ON A SMALLER STAFF IN THE PUBLIC
3 SAFETY AND FILM UNIT.

4

5 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT YOU'RE NOT COLLECTING IN CONTRACT CITIES RIGHT
6 NOW.

7

8 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THE COLLECTION OF THE CURRENT FEES
9 HAS PRIMARILY INVOLVED COLLECTIONS THROUGH FILM L.A. IN THE
10 UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF THE COUNTY AND IN ONE OR TWO CITIES.
11 HOWEVER, I'D LIKE TO CLARIFY THAT THE DIFFICULTY WITH
12 COLLECTION IS NOT A CONFLICT OR A DIFFICULTY WITH THE CONTRACT
13 CITIES. IT HAS BEEN OUR INABILITY TO ESTABLISH APPROVED COUNTY
14 PROCESSES FOR COLLECTING AND PROCESSING THOSE FEES.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** NOW, THAT'S HOW THE ELECTRONIC
17 PAYMENT SYSTEM WOULD ASSIST THOSE EFFORTS AND THE FILM
18 INDUSTRIES?

19

20 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** YES, SIR. THE ELECTRONIC OR E-
21 COMMERCE I THINK WOULD BE WELL-RECEIVED BY BOTH MEMBERS OF THE
22 INDUSTRY AND THE DEPARTMENT AND THE COUNTY, BECAUSE THAT WILL
23 EXPEDITE THE PAYMENT OF THE FEES. THAT WILL SPEED UP THE
24 PROCESS. AND IT WILL ALSO ASSURE A FULL COLLECTION OF THE
25 FEES.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND WHAT IS THE COST OF THE
3 ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM?

4

5 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** I THINK PRIMARILY THE COST WOULD BE
6 THE STAFF TIME AND WHATEVER COMPUTER CHANGES WOULD HAVE TO BE
7 MADE. BUT I DO NOT HAVE A DOLLAR FIGURE FOR YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO THE DIFFERENCE IN FEES FROM
10 YOUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL VERSUS THE AMENDMENT IS THE FACT THAT
11 YOU'RE ADDING ELECTRONIC PAYMENT SYSTEM TO THE --

12

13 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** NO, SIR. THE DIFFERENCE IN THE FEES
14 THAT ARE RECOMMENDED TO YOUR BOARD THIS AFTERNOON AS
15 CONTRASTED WITH THE FEES THAT ARE CURRENTLY IN EFFECT IS A
16 FUNCTION OF THE LARGER STAFF IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM
17 UNIT.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** BUT YOUR ELECTRONIC PAYMENT
20 SYSTEM WOULD NOT REQUIRE A LARGER STAFF?

21

22 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** NO, SIR. THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT
23 SYSTEM REALLY IS SEPARATE AND APART FROM THE BASIS FOR THE
24 FEES. IT SIMPLY EXPEDITES THE ABILITY OF THE FILM INDUSTRY TO
25 PAY FOR THE APPROPRIATE FEES ASSOCIATED WITH PERMITS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND WHY DID WE NOT IMPLEMENT
3 THAT SOONER?

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5 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** I BELIEVE THAT WITHIN THE COUNTY,
6 THERE IS AN EFFORT UNDERWAY TO IMPLEMENT E-COMMERCE. I THINK
7 IT'S A MATTER OF WHERE THE PRIORITIES ARE. THIS IS SOMETHING
8 THAT I AND MY STAFF HAVE DISCUSSED AND THAT WE ARE GOING TO BE
9 WORKING WITH THE C.E.O. AND THE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS TO
10 GET THAT IMPLEMENTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. BUT IT IS A
11 RELATIVELY NEW CONCEPT AND PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY, AS I
12 UNDERSTAND IT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** HOW MANY OF OUR CONTRACT
15 CITIES HAVE NOT ADOPTED THE NEW FILM FEES?

16

17 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** AS FAR AS THE FEES PROPOSED TO YOUR
18 BOARD THIS AFTERNOON, NO CONTRACT CITY HAS ADOPTED IT BECAUSE
19 YOUR BOARD HAS NOT YET APPROVED IT. HOWEVER, THE FEES THAT ARE
20 CURRENTLY IN PLACE HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY ALL OF THE CONTRACT
21 CITIES AS THEY ADOPTED THE FIRE CODE BACK IN 2007.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO IT'S 100 PERCENT OF FILM
24 PERMITS BEING ISSUED IN CONTRACT CITIES HAVE SUBMITTED THAT



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1 INFORMATION OR HAVE SUBMITTED THE FEES OR PAID THE FEES, I
2 SHOULD SAY?

3

4 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THE FEES ARE APPLICABLE IN THE
5 CONTRACT CITIES. IT IS NOT THE CONTRACT CITY THAT PAY.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE:** RIGHT. IT'S NOT THE CONTRACT CITIES THAT PAY. THEY
8 PAY US. WE'RE NOT COLLECTING FOR FILMING THAT'S BEING DONE IN
9 THE VARIOUS CONTRACT CITIES. WE'RE NOT COLLECTING.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** NOW IS IT FEASIBLE TO
12 IMPLEMENT A FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM WITHOUT THE PROPOSED FEE
13 INCREASE?

14

15 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO IMPLEMENT
16 THE PROGRAM AS WE HAVE ENVISIONED IT AND HAVE SHARED IT WITH
17 THE INDUSTRY BECAUSE IT IS HEAVILY DEPENDENT UPON THE CURRENT
18 STAFFING LEVELS IN THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM INDUSTRY.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND WHAT WOULD THIS FIELD UNIT
21 DO TO ENHANCE THE ABILITY TO INCREASE FILMING AND ALSO TO
22 COLLECT THE REVENUES TO MAINTAIN THAT OPERATION?

23

24 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** ESSENTIALLY WHAT THE FIELD FILM
25 INSPECTION WOULD DO IS, FIRST OF ALL, PROVIDE VERY CLEAR,



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1 EXPLICIT INSTRUCTIONS TO FILM PRODUCERS AND PERSONNEL ON SITE
2 WHERE THEY'RE FILMING AS TO WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS. OUR
3 PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM UNIT INSPECTORS WOULD STILL GO OUT TO
4 INSPECT THE SITE TO BE SURE THAT IT MEETS THE MINIMUM
5 REQUIREMENTS AND TO ASSURE THAT IF THERE IS A NEED FOR
6 ADDITIONAL SAFETY, FOR EXAMPLE, PYROTECHNICS OR SOME SPECIAL
7 EFFECTS, THAT WOULD ALL BE EVALUATED. BUT LET'S ASSUME THAT IT
8 IS A PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD, MODERATE RISK TYPE OF FILM
9 INDUSTRY PRODUCTION, THEN WE WOULD LEAVE IT TO THE PRODUCERS
10 AND THE ON-SITE PERSONNEL, THE MANAGERS, TO MEET THE
11 REQUIREMENTS FOR SAFETY. THE INSPECTORS WOULD THEN GO AND SPOT
12 CHECK TO ASSURE THAT THAT IS BEING FULFILLED. THE DIFFERENCE
13 IS TODAY IN MANY CASES IF IT'S A MODERATE RISK FILMING, WE
14 WOULD PRESCRIBE TO THE INDUSTRY THAT A FIRE SAFETY ADVISOR BE
15 ON SITE THROUGH THE PERIOD OF FILMING, WHICH GENERATES AN
16 HOURLY COST TO THE PRODUCTION COMPANY TO HAVE THAT F.S.A. ON
17 SITE. SO THE SPOT CHECK WOULD ELIMINATE, TO SOME EXTENT, THE
18 NUMBER OF CASES WHERE THE F.S.A., THE FIRE SAFETY ADVISER,
19 WOULD HAVE TO BE ON SITE.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THE PUBLIC SAFETY FILM UNIT IS
22 \$1.3 MILLION. WHAT DOES THAT ALL ENTAIL? AND IF YOUR
23 RECOMMENDATION WOULD NOT BE APPROVED BUT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S
24 WAS, HOW WOULD THAT IMPACT THAT FILM SAFETY UNIT?

25



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1 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** WELL, THE \$1.3 MILLION INCLUDES AN
2 OVERHEAD RATE WHICH COVERS THE COST OF SUPPORTING THE STAFF.
3 BUT IT FUNDS ONE FIRE CAPTAIN FULL-TIME, FOUR FIREFIGHTER
4 SPECIALISTS. THESE ARE THE SWORN FIRE INSPECTORS, IF YOU WILL,
5 THAT GO OUT AND ACTUALLY DO THE ON-SITE INSPECTIONS, ONE
6 SENIOR TYPIST CLERK AND ONE STUDENT WORKER FOR A TOTAL OF
7 SEVEN PERSONNEL. IF THE CURRENT FEES REMAIN IN PLACE, EVEN
8 WITH A 100 PERCENT COLLECTION, WHICH WE WOULD CERTAINLY STRIVE
9 TO ACCOMPLISH, WE'RE GOING TO FALL CONSIDERABLY SHORT OF THE
10 OFFSET OF THE 1.3 MILLION. AND I THINK THAT, REASONABLY
11 SPEAKING, WE WOULD CONTINUE TO OPERATE THIS FISCAL YEAR WITH
12 THE STAFFING THAT WE HAVE. BUT AS WE PREPARE TO ENTER INTO
13 FISCAL YEAR '11/'12, THAT'S WHEN WE WOULD START TO SCALE BACK
14 THE NUMBER OF STAFF IN ORDER TO BE WITHIN THE REVENUE THAT'S
15 COMING IN. IN ROUND NUMBERS, THE STAFF WOULD PROBABLY DROP
16 FROM SEVEN DOWN TO TWO AT THE MOST. MAYBE ONE PERSON FULL-TIME
17 AND SOME PART-TIME. THAT HAS YET TO BE WORKED OUT AS TO HOW WE
18 WOULD DO THAT.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND LET'S SAY YOU WOULD DO
21 THAT. WOULD THAT NOT IMPACT THE ABILITY TO DO FILMING WITHIN
22 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES?

23

24 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** OUR CONCERN WOULD BE THE POTENTIAL
25 DELAY IN PROCESSING THE PERMITS AND SO FORTH.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** TIME IS MONEY.

3

4 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THAT'S CORRECT.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** IF YOU DELAY, YOU WILL GO
7 SOMEPLACE ELSE WHERE YOU DON'T HAVE A DELAY.

8

9 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THE UNIT WAS ACTUALLY STAFFED AT
10 HIGHER LEVELS IN 2006 AND '07 AND THEN AGAIN IN 2008. AND A
11 LOT OF THIS ADDITIONAL STAFFING WAS IN CONJUNCTION WITH DELAYS
12 THAT WE WERE ADVISED OF FROM THE INDUSTRY AND SO FORTH. AND SO
13 WE TRIED TO MEET THE DEMAND OF FILMING AND THE DEMAND OF THE
14 INDUSTRY WITH ADDITIONAL STAFFING TO SPEED UP THE PROCESS
15 TIME.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AND IF YOUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL
18 IS NOT ADOPTED, YOU WOULD HAVE TO REDUCE THAT LEVEL THEN?

19

20 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** AGAIN, GIVEN OUR EFFORTS TO
21 DOWNSIZE OUR NONEMERGENCY SERVICE LEVELS TO CONSERVE COSTS IS
22 STARTING NEXT FISCAL YEAR, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE PRUDENT AND
23 IT WOULD BE MY RECOMMENDATION TO YOUR BOARD THAT WE WOULD
24 REDUCE THE STAFFING CONSISTENT WITH THE REVENUE THAT IS COMING
25 IN.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SO THE INDUSTRY WAS ASKING FOR
3 THIS ADDITIONAL STAFFING. AND IF YOUR PROPOSAL IS NOT ADOPTED,
4 WE WOULD HAVE TO DOWNSIZE, WHICH WAS CONTRARY TO WHAT THE
5 INDUSTRY HAD ORIGINALLY ASKED FOR.

6

7 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THAT IS CORRECT.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR
10 YAROSLAVSKY?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, I JUST HAVE TWO QUESTIONS. FIRST OF
13 ALL, THIS FEE -- MS. ORDIN? ANDREA? ANDREA? HELLO? I WANT TO
14 ASK A QUESTION. ON PROPOSITION 26, THE FEE THAT WOULD PROHIBIT
15 FEES WITHOUT A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE, DOES THAT AFFECT THESE
16 KINDS OF FEES, DO YOU KNOW? A VOTE OF THE PEOPLE. THAT'S THE
17 MEASURE THAT'S ON THE STATEWIDE BALLOT. YOU MAY NOT KNOW THE
18 ANSWER TO THAT.

19

20 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MAYBE YOU CAN GET SOMEBODY. BECAUSE I'M
23 CONCERNED THAT IF THAT MEASURE IMPACTS THIS, ASIDE FROM ALL
24 THE OTHER CONSIDERATIONS, THAT ANY DELAY IN APPROVING THIS
25 WOULD MEAN IT WOULD DEEP SIX THE WHOLE IDEA OF THE FEE



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1 INCREASE, WHICH IS RATHER MODEST AND EVEN THE INDUSTRY DOES
2 NOT OBJECT TO THE FEE INCREASE, AT LEAST MY MEETING WITH THEM.
3 THERE ARE THE OTHER ISSUES THAT THEY'RE CONCERNED ABOUT, AND I
4 THINK WE NEED TO TIE THOSE OTHER THINGS TO THE FEE INCREASE.
5 BUT I'M JUST CURIOUS WHETHER THIS -- DO YOU HAVE AN ANSWER TO
6 THAT YET?

7

8 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** YES, I DON'T HAVE A GOOD ANSWER, BUT I
9 HAVE AN ANSWER THAT WE HAVE BEEN LOOKING AT THAT. AND IT'LL BE
10 DEPENDENT ON HOW WE DEFINE "FEES" AND WHAT PERHAPS EVEN COURTS
11 ARE GOING TO DEFINE FEES. SO WE'RE NOT SURE WHAT THAT WILL
12 MEAN, IF IT DOES PASS.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WELL AT THE VERY LEAST IT'S A QUESTION MARK
15 OVER THAT.

16

17 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** THERE IS A QUESTION MARK.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE SECOND THING IS AS I SAID, BASED ON MY
20 CONVERSATIONS WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES, AND I THINK SOME OF
21 THEM MAY BE HERE, THEY'RE HERE SO THEY CAN SPEAK FOR
22 THEMSELVES, THE ISSUE WASN'T SO MUCH THE FEE INCREASE; THE
23 ISSUE WAS THAT PROMISES WERE MADE TO THE INDUSTRY FOUR YEARS
24 AGO ABOUT THE SPOT CHECK ISSUE PRIMARILY. AND THAT NEVER CAME
25 TO PASS. NOW, YOU'RE -- WHAT I UNDERSTAND IS YOUR DEPARTMENT



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1 IS PREPARED TO COMMIT TO THE SPOT CHECK ISSUE WILL BE
2 IMPLEMENTED BY THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, IS THAT CORRECT? OR
3 SOONER.

4

5 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** YES. WE HAVE MADE THAT COMMITMENT.
6 IN FACT, WE DISCUSSED IT IN OUR MEETINGS WITH THE INDUSTRY ON
7 SEPTEMBER 9 THEN AGAIN ON THE 17TH. AND LAST WEEK WE DID SHARE
8 WITH THE INDUSTRY A DRAFT OF WHAT WE WOULD PROPOSE AS THE SPOT
9 CHECK PROGRAM. AND WE PLAN TO CONTINUE THAT. THE OTHER THING
10 THAT WE DID COMMIT TO THEM AND I THINK THEY TO US AND THAT IS
11 TO HAVE REGULAR ONGOING MEETINGS WITH THE INDUSTRY. BECAUSE
12 WHATEVER PROMISE SUPPOSEDLY WAS MADE, I HAVE NOT HEARD
13 ANYTHING FROM THE INDUSTRY ABOUT US NOT DOING WELL ON THE
14 PROMISE. WE WANT TO MAKE GOOD ON ANY PROMISE THAT'S MADE. AND
15 I WANT TO RESPECT ANY PROMISE THAT'S MADE WITH DUE AUTHORITY
16 AND APPROVAL. BUT WE ARE COMMITTED TO THE SPOT CHECK PROGRAM.
17 AND I WOULD JUST, IF I MAY, REITERATE THAT ANY ADVANTAGES TO
18 OR ASSOCIATED WITH THE SPOT CHECK PROGRAM HAS NO RELATIONSHIP
19 TO THE FEES, BUT IT DOES REDUCE THE COSTS OF OPERATING FOR THE
20 INDUSTRY WHEN THEY'RE OUTSIDE DOING FILMING.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** RIGHT, I UNDERSTAND THAT. THAT'S WATER UNDER
23 THE BRIDGE AS FAR AS -- BUT GOING FORWARD, WHAT I'D LIKE TO
24 SUGGEST IS, IF IT'S MR. KNABE'S MOTION THAT'S ON THE TABLE TO
25 AMEND IT, TO IMPOSE -- TO APPROVE THE INCREASED FEES



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1 CONTINGENT ON THE SPOT CHECK PROGRAM BEING IMPLEMENTED AS OF
2 JANUARY 1 OF 2011. THAT WOULD BE MY AMENDMENT. AND IF THERE IS
3 NO SPOT CHECK PROGRAM, IF THE SPOT CHECK PROGRAM IS NOT
4 IMPLEMENTED BY JANUARY 1, THEN THERE WOULDN'T BE AN
5 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INCREASED FEE UNTIL SUCH TIME AS THE
6 SPOT CHECK PROGRAM DID GET IMPLEMENTED. SO IF YOU DIDN'T
7 IMPLEMENT IT UNTIL MARCH 1, THE FEE WOULDN'T GO UP UNTIL MARCH
8 1. I THINK FROM MY CONVERSATIONS, THEY'D RATHER HAVE THE SPOT
9 CHECK SOONER AND HAVE A FEE INCREASE THAN HAVE NO SPOT CHECK
10 PROGRAM AND NO FEE INCREASE. I THINK THAT'S WHAT I GLEANED
11 FROM THEM OVER THE MEETING WE HAD LAST WEEK. SO I WOULD MAKE
12 THAT AS AN AMENDMENT.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR KNABE AND
15 SUPERVISOR THOMAS.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** AGAIN, WHETHER IT'S JANUARY OR FEBRUARY, OR MARCH,
18 I THINK WHAT WE NEED TO DO IS TO IMPLEMENT THE SPOT CHECK
19 PROGRAM, NUMBER ONE. AND YOU KNOW, CHIEF, THERE'S BEEN NO
20 BIGGER SUPPORTER OF THE DEPARTMENT THAN MYSELF ON THIS BOARD,
21 BUT TO SAY THAT YOU'D GO DOWN TO ONE PERSON IN THIS DEPARTMENT
22 UNDER EXISTING FEES, IT'S JUST NOT A FAIR STATEMENT, I DON'T
23 THINK. I MEAN UNLESS YOU ARBITRARILY MAKE THAT YOUR DECISION.
24 REVENUES ARE DOWN. THIS INDUSTRY HAS BEEN BEAT UP. WE ARE
25 CHASING JOBS AWAY. I MEAN, IF WE LOSE MORE JOBS IN THE



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1 INDUSTRY, IT IS LOT BIGGER HIT THAN YOUR FEE INCREASE. AND,
2 AGAIN, AND THE FOLKS CAN SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES -- AND, AGAIN, I
3 THINK ZEV'S RIGHT, I MEAN THEY REALLY HAVEN'T BEEN BECAUSE THE
4 DOLLAR AMOUNT, BUT I MEAN A 456 PERCENT INCREASE IN ONE AND
5 130 PERCENT, PERCENTAGE WISE THEY'RE HUGE. SO MY WHOLE PURPOSE
6 WAS NOT TO DIFFUSE ANY INCREASE, BUT TO SAY LOOK IT, WE'VE
7 TALKED ABOUT THE SPOT CHECK FOR SEVERAL YEARS. IT HASN'T BEEN
8 IMPLEMENTED. THERE'S FILMING GOING ON IN THE CONTRACT CITIES,
9 WHICH IS GREAT. BUT WE'RE NOT COLLECTING FEES. WE DON'T KNOW
10 WHAT THE VOLUME OF THAT DOLLAR. WE DO KNOW THAT AS OF RIGHT
11 NOW, THE REVENUES ARE DOWN ONLY BECAUSE OF FILMING GOING TO
12 OTHER PLACES. OTHER THAN OUR COUNTY AND OUR STATE. AND SO THAT
13 IS MY CONCERN. THE IMPACT OF JOB LOSSES IS MUCH GREATER TO
14 THIS COUNTY AND TO THIS STATE THAN A FEE INCREASE FROM \$40 TO
15 \$223 AS AN EXAMPLE. SO I MEAN I THINK THE INDUSTRY CAN SPEAK
16 FOR THEMSELVES. BUT I GUESS, I MEAN IF THAT'S THE ONLY WAY
17 THIS THING WILL FLY WITH YOUR FRIENDLY AMENDMENT, I MIGHT BE
18 AGREEABLE TO THAT, BUT I'D LIKE TO HEAR FROM THE INDUSTRY,
19 BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY THESE JOBS ARE IMPORTANT. WE'VE HAD A BIG
20 JOB LOSS IN THE INDUSTRY.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR THOMAS, DO YOU HAVE
23 ANY COMMENT? OKAY. LET ME CALL UP THE FOLLOWING. TRACEY
24 CHAVIRA, GREGORY LIPPE, ROBERT MENDEL, ED DUFFY. WHO DON'T WE
25 HAVE?



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2 **SPEAKER:** ROBERT MENDEL HAD TO LEAVE.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** LET ME THEN CALL UP MELISSA
5 PATAK. OKAY. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE FOR THE RECORD
6 BEFORE YOU SPEAK.

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8 **TRACEY CHAVIRA:** GOOD MORNING, TRACEY CHAVIRA, CENTRAL CITY
9 ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES. C.C.A. OPPOSES THE FIRE
10 DEPARTMENT'S PROPOSED FILMING-RELATED FEE INCREASES AND
11 SUPPORTS SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO POSTPONE ANY FEE
12 INCREASES UNTIL THE COUNTY COLLECTS ALL FEES, ESPECIALLY IN
13 AREAS WHERE THE WORK IS BEING DONE WITHOUT APPROPRIATE
14 REIMBURSEMENT. CURRENTLY, THERE IS AN UNDER COLLECTION OF
15 FILMING FEES FROM OTHER JURISDICTIONS THAT CONTRACT WITH THE
16 COUNTY, PREVENTING SIGNIFICANT COST RECOVERY. WE SUPPORT THE
17 IDEA OF ESTABLISHING A FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM AND PRODUCTION
18 CENTERS STAFFED BY COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO COLLECT PERMIT FEES,
19 WHICH WILL NOT ONLY ASSURE FURTHER COSTS RECOVERY BUT ALSO
20 PROVIDE A MORE ACCURATE VIEW OF STAFFING LEVELS. WE ALSO
21 SUPPORT ANY NEW MECHANISM THAT WILL MAKE FEE COLLECTION
22 EASIER, SUCH AS AN OPTION TO PAY FEES ONLINE. NOW IS NOT THE
23 TIME TO IMPOSE FEE INCREASES ON BUSINESSES, ESPECIALLY THE
24 ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY THAT PROVIDES THOUSANDS OF DIRECT AND
25 INDIRECT JOBS, OVER A BILLION DOLLARS IN REVENUE ANNUALLY. WE



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1 RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT YOU OPPOSE WHAT'S BEFORE YOU BUT
2 SUPPORT SUPERVISOR KNABE'S RESOLUTION. LASTLY, I WOULD LIKE TO
3 THANK THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR PROVIDING AN IMPORTANT PUBLIC
4 SERVICE. THANK YOU. OH, AND ALSO, C.C.A. SUBMITTED A LETTER ON
5 THIS. AND I HEARD EARLIER THAT THERE WAS NO CORRESPONDENCE ON
6 THIS MATTER? SO I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE
7 SUPERVISORS RECEIVED THAT LETTER FOR THE RECORD.

8

9 **GREG LIPPE:** OKAY. HI, I'M GREG LIPPE, IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT
10 OF VALLEY INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE ASSOCIATION, ALSO KNOWN AS
11 V.I.C.A. OUR POSITION IS THE SAME AS THE CENTRAL CITY
12 ASSOCIATION ON THE ISSUES THAT WERE JUST STATED. BUT I DO WANT
13 TO BRING UP SOME THINGS, AND THAT IS THAT NOW IS NOT THE TIME
14 TO INCREASE FEES WHEN WE HAVE SO MANY PREDATORY STATES OUT
15 THERE TAKING OUR FILMING. SINCE 2002, I'VE WORKED EXTREMELY
16 HARD WITH V.I.C.A. TO STOP THE TIDE OF RUN-AWAY FILM
17 PRODUCTION. AND WHEN WE STARTED BACK IN 2002, CALIFORNIA WAS
18 RESPONSIBLE FOR 82 PERCENT OF THE FILMING IN THE UNITED
19 STATES. NOW IT'S DOWN TO 30 PERCENT. A SIGNIFICANT DROP. AND
20 OF CALIFORNIA, APPROXIMATELY 60 PERCENT WAS FILMING IN L.A.
21 COUNTY. SO THERE ARE MANY STATES OUT THERE THAT ARE PROVIDING
22 MANY INCENTIVES TO TAKE OUR FILMING AWAY, AND THEY HAVE BEEN
23 VERY SUCCESSFUL. TO INCREASE FEES AT A TIME WHEN EVERYBODY
24 ELSE IS GIVING MORE INCENTIVES IS NOT THE THING TO DO. THANK
25 YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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4 **ED DUFFY:** OKAY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY.

5 GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ED DUFFY. I AM A TEAMSTER LOCAL 399

6 BUSINESS AGENT FOR OVER 600 LOCATION MANAGERS, SCOUTS AND

7 ASSISTANTS, SEVERAL OF WHO ARE HERE TODAY, AS WELL AS 4,000

8 DRIVERS, CASTING DIRECTORS AND OTHERS THAT WE REPRESENT.

9 BEFORE THAT I WAS A LOCATION MANAGER IN T.V. IN LOS ANGELES

10 FOR OVER 28 YEARS. FOR THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS, THE COALITION

11 OF LABOR UNIONS, PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND MOTION PICTURE

12 STUDIOS HAVE BEEN WORKING IN CONCERT TO HELP FOSTER A FILM-

13 FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT WITHIN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY OF LOS

14 ANGELES. OUR COMMON GOAL IS TO KEEP MOTION PICTURE AND

15 TELEVISION JOBS HERE AS WELL AS COMMERCIAL JOBS. AS YOU WELL

16 KNOW, DURING THIS ELECTION PERIOD, ALWAYS SEEM TO HEAR IN

17 DEBATES AND TELEVISION ADS IS THE REFRAIN "JOBS, JOBS, JOBS"

18 WE AGREE THAT IN THE CURRENT ECONOMY, IT'S IMPERATIVE THAT ALL

19 OF US PROMOTE JOB GROWTH IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR. THE RECORD,

20 THE MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY EMPLOYS EITHER

21 DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY OVER 250,000 PEOPLE IN THE GREATER

22 SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA REGION. THESE PEOPLE PAY TAXES, BUY

23 GROCERIES, PAY MORTGAGES AND SEND THEIR KIDS TO SCHOOL AND

24 GENERALLY PLOW THEIR PAYCHECKS BACK INTO THE LOCAL ECONOMY.

25 TODAY THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL IS DISCUSSING A VOTE TO



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1 INCREASE THE ENTERTAINMENT PRODUCTION THRESHOLD FROM 2.5 TO \$5
2 MILLION. IN ESSENCE, AN AFFIRMATIVE VOTE WOULD CUT TAXES FOR
3 SMALL PRODUCTION COMPANIES AND COMMERCIAL HOUSES, GIVING THEM
4 A SAVINGS OF APPROXIMATELY \$3250 PER PROJECT. THAT'S A GOOD
5 IDEA. SO IS WHAT THE JOBS AND BUSINESS COMMITTEE IS
6 DISCUSSING. THEY'RE FIGURING OUT HOW TO REBATE THE ONE PERCENT
7 THE CITY RECEIVES FROM THE STATE IN SALES TAX REVENUE BACK TO
8 PRODUCTION COMPANIES THAT KEEP 75 PERCENT OF THEIR FILMING
9 WITHIN THE CITY BOUNDARIES. WE THINK THIS IS A GOOD MOVE HERE,
10 TOO. BUT RIGHT HERE AT THIS MOMENT, THE COUNTY BOARD OF
11 SUPERVISORS IS BEING ASKED TO APPROVE A GIGANTIC 257 PERCENT
12 INCREASE IN THE PERMITTING REVIEW FEES THE PRODUCTION
13 COMPANIES PAY THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT. THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
14 SAYS THAT THE CURRENT PERMIT FEES COLLECTED BY FILM L.A. DO
15 NOT COVER THE COSTS OF REVIEWING AND PREPARING PERMITS. IN
16 2005 OR THEREABOUTS WHEN THE CITY FIRE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED TO
17 RAISE THE PERMIT REVIEW FEE FROM \$25 TO \$104 TO EXPAND THE
18 FILM DESK, WHICH THE UNIT WAS NEVER DISCUSSED AS HOW BIG IT
19 WOULD BE OR WHAT THAT WOULD BE, IT WAS JUST TO EXPAND IT, AND
20 IMPLEMENT A FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM AND WORK TO COLLECT
21 UNCOLLECTED FEES FROM CONTRACT CITIES, WE ALL AGREED IT WAS
22 THE RIGHT THING TO DO AT THAT TIME. WHEN PRODUCTION AND
23 ECONOMY WERE STABLE IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. THE COUNTY FILM
24 FIRE DESK HAS BEEN EXPANDED. THE PERFORMANCE HAS BEEN
25 EXCEPTIONAL. HOWEVER THE OTHER ISSUES, FIELD INSPECTION AND



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1 UNCONTROLLED PERMIT FEES HAVE NOT BEEN ADDRESSED. AND NOW
2 DURING THIS ECONOMIC DOWNTURN, THIS NEW FEE INCREASE IS
3 PRESENTED TO US AS WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. SINCE 2008, THE
4 MOTION PICTURE AND TELEVISION INDUSTRY HAS BEEN DEVASTATED BY
5 THIS BLEAK FINANCIAL PERIOD AND RESULTING LOSS OF THOUSANDS OF
6 JOBS. RAISING FEES IS NOT THE MESSAGE THAT OUR ELECTED
7 OFFICIALS SHOULD BE SENDING TO PRODUCTION COMPANIES, NOT AT A
8 TIME WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING FOR WAYS TO CUT THEIR BUDGETS SIMPLY
9 TO SURVIVE. AS YOU KNOW, OTHER CITIES, STATES AND COUNTIES ARE
10 LURING AWAY OUR JOBS BY OFFERING LUCRATIVE TAX INCENTIVES AND
11 REBATES. STATES LIKE LOUISIANA, MICHIGAN, NEW YORK, AMONG 40
12 OTHERS IN CITIES SUCH AS DETROIT, NEW YORK CITY AND NEW
13 ORLEANS ARE ACTIVELY FIGHTING TO TAKE OUR WORK. THEY ARE
14 SUCCEEDING. COMPANIES ARE LEAVING CALIFORNIA. NOT BECAUSE OF
15 LABOR COSTS, BECAUSE LABOR COSTS ARE LOWER OUT OF STATE BUT
16 BECAUSE GOODS AND SERVICES ARE CHEAPER AND INCENTIVES AND
17 REBATES ARE ALLURING. HERE IN OUR STATE, TELEVISION, MOTION
18 PICTURE AND COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION STILL CONTRIBUTES BETWEEN 20
19 AND \$30 BILLION TO OUR LOCAL ECONOMY EVERY YEAR. WE THINK THIS
20 IS WORTH PROTECTING, AND WE NEED YOUR HELP. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. OKAY, DAVID PHELPS?
23 JOHN WALSH. ARNOLD SACHS.



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1 **MELISSA PATAK:** MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MY NAME IS MELISSA
2 PATAK AND I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE MOTION PICTURE
3 ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA AND OUR MEMBER COMPANIES, DISNEY, FOX,
4 N.B.C.-UNIVERSAL, PARAMOUNT PICTURES, SONY PICTURES AND WARNER
5 BROTHERS. WE OPPOSE THE FEE INCREASE PROPOSED BY THE FIRE
6 DEPARTMENT AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE THE FIRE DEPARTMENT SHOULD
7 IMPLEMENT THE FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM WHICH WE DISCUSSED A
8 NUMBER OF YEARS AGO AND WHICH HAS BEEN DISCUSSED HERE THIS
9 MORNING. AND WE FIRST DISCUSSED IT THE LAST TIME THE FIRE
10 DEPARTMENT CAME FORWARD WITH THE FEE INCREASE, AND WE
11 UNDERSTOOD AND WE SUPPORTED THE FEE INCREASE ON THE BASIS THAT
12 THE FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM WOULD BE SOON IMPLEMENTED. IT'S A
13 NUMBER OF YEARS LATER AND WE'RE STILL TALKING ABOUT
14 IMPLEMENTING IT. I UNDERSTAND WITH THE SHORTER TIMETABLE NOW,
15 BUT IT STILL HAS NOT BEEN IMPLEMENTED. THE FIELD INSPECTION
16 PROGRAM DOES HAVE THE POTENTIAL TO ACTUALLY SAVE PRODUCTION
17 COMPANIES THE COST OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AT SOME
18 PRODUCTION LOCATIONS. SO THAT'S WHY WE'D LIKE TO SEE IT
19 IMPLEMENTED SO WE CAN SAVE THESE PERSONNEL COSTS AND THEN
20 DISCUSS THE FEE INCREASE. WE DO WANT -- WE UNDERSTAND THAT
21 THERE NEEDS TO BE APPROPRIATE STAFFING TO CONDUCT WHAT WILL BE
22 RANDOM SPOT INSPECTIONS UNDER THE FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM. IN
23 ADDITION, WE BELIEVE THE DEPARTMENT SHOULD COLLECT FEES FROM
24 THE CONTRACT CITIES. BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S OWN REPORT AND
25 CALCULATION, SOME TWO-THIRDS OF THE FILM PERMIT REVIEW FEES



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1 OWED TO THE DEPARTMENT ARE UNCOLLECTED. AND AGAIN, THIS IS AN
2 ISSUE THAT WAS BROUGHT UP THE LAST TIME THE FEES WERE
3 INCREASED. FOR THESE REASONS, WE OPPOSE THE FEE INCREASE AT
4 THIS TIME, AND WE APPRECIATE SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION. WE
5 WOULD URGE YOU TO SUPPORT HIS MOTION, WHICH MAINTAINS THE
6 CURRENT FEES AT THIS TIME. THANK YOU. AND I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER
7 ANY QUESTIONS.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

10

11 **DAVID PHELPS:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DAVID PHELPS. I'M THE
12 DIRECTOR OF EXTERNAL RELATIONS FOR THE ASSOCIATION OF
13 INDEPENDENT COMMERCIAL PRODUCERS. I'M ALSO THE CO-CHAIR OF
14 V.I.C.A.'S ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE AND A RESIDENT OF THE THIRD
15 DISTRICT. ON BEHALF OF THE A.I.C.P. AND THE 300-PLUS
16 PRODUCTION COMPANIES WHO FILM ALMOST HALF OF ALL COMMERCIALS
17 SEEN ON TELEVISION AND OTHER FORMS OF MEDIA DISTRIBUTION RIGHT
18 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I AM HERE TO CONVEY OUR SUPPORT
19 FOR SUPERVISOR KNABE'S MOTION TO ESTABLISH A FIELD INSPECTION
20 PROGRAM AND TO SET UP COLLECTION CENTERS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY
21 TO RECEIVE FEES FROM CONTRACT CITIES WHO HAVE NOT PREVIOUSLY
22 ASSESSED THE \$104 PERMIT REVIEW FEE. WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE AND
23 ACKNOWLEDGE THE INVALUABLE WORK THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE
24 L.A.C.F.D.'S FILM UNIT PERFORM ON A DAILY BASIS, PROVIDING OUR
25 MEMBERS WITH SAFETY AND RELIABILITY TO PRODUCE ADVERTISING-



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1 RELATED PROJECTS ON THE VERY SHORT TIMELINES, SOMETIMES AS
2 SHORT AS 48 HOURS, THAT ARE INCREASINGLY DRIVEN BY COSTS AND
3 LOCATION LOGISTICS. WE ALSO RECOGNIZE THE NEED FOR COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENTS SERVING IN INDUSTRY IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR TO LOOK
5 TO THAT INDUSTRY TO ACHIEVE RELIEF FROM THE COST OF OPERATION
6 IN SUCH ECONOMICALLY CHALLENGING TIMES. THE CURRENT ECONOMY
7 HAS HIT THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION INDUSTRY IN SOUTHERN
8 CALIFORNIA HARD. PRODUCTION HAS FALLEN 6 PERCENT FROM 54
9 PERCENT OF ALL PRODUCTION IN 2007 TO 48 PERCENT IN 2009. 43
10 PERCENT OF ALL SHOOT DAYS OCCUR IN L.A. COUNTY. THE PROPOSED
11 270 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE PERMIT REVIEW FEE. ALONG WITH
12 OTHER NEW AND RELATED FEE INCREASES IS AN EXORBITANT CHANGE IN
13 THE FEE STRUCTURE THAT WILL PUT THE COUNTY AT A SERIOUS
14 COMPETITIVE DISADVANTAGE TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHERE FIRE
15 SAFETY SERVICES ARE OFFERED AT A FRACTION OF THE COST AND IN
16 SOME CASES WITH A LARGER WORKLOAD AND SMALLER STAFF. IT IS
17 ALSO IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT WHILE SACRAMENTO RECENTLY
18 IMPLEMENTED A TAX INCENTIVE FOR IN-STATE PRODUCTION ON CERTAIN
19 MOTION PICTURES AND TELEVISION PROJECTS, ADVERTISEMENTS ARE
20 NOT CURRENTLY ELIGIBLE. THIS FACTOR FURTHER RAISES THE
21 IMPORTANCE OF COMPETIVENESS WHEN IT COMES TO CONSIDERING
22 LOCATIONS FOR FILMING. THE A.I.C.P.'S MEMBERSHIP MEMBERSHIP
23 COMPRISES HUNDREDS OF SMALL TO MID-SIZED PRIVATELY HELD
24 COMPANIES, ALL OF WHICH SHOOT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND MANY
25 OF WHICH HAVE OFFICES LOCATED HERE. OUR INDUSTRY EMPLOYS TENS



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1 OF THOUSANDS OF COUNTY RESIDENTS AND PRODUCING 1.43 BILLION IN
2 ECONOMIC ACTIVITY IN CALIFORNIA IN 2009. WHILE WE RECOGNIZE
3 THE AMOUNT OF STAFF TIME NEEDED TO PROCESS PERMIT REQUESTS, WE
4 RAISE THE QUESTION OF WHETHER THE LEVEL OF THE FEE INCREASE
5 PROPOSED REFLECTS THE TRUE WORKLOAD OF THE UNIT AT A TIME WHEN
6 PERMITS SERVICED BY THE COUNTY ARE DOWN SEVERAL HUNDRED FROM
7 PREVIOUS LEVELS IN 2006. ADDITIONALLY, THE FIRE DEPARTMENT HAS
8 NOT LAID OUT A CONCISE PLAN FOR COLLECTING FEES FROM CONTRACT
9 CITIES THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY GONE UNCOLLECTED. THIS REPRESENTS
10 66 PERCENT OF THE 4500 FILM PERMITS SERVICED BY THE COUNTY IN
11 2009. UNTIL A CLEAR AND CONVENIENT WAY FOR PRODUCTION
12 COMPANIES TO PAY THESE FEES IS ESTABLISHED, VIA ONLINE BEING
13 THE BEST OPTION, THE PAYMENT OF FEES OUTSIDE OF FILM L.A.'S
14 JURISDICTION COULD DISINCENTIVIZE REGIONAL FILMING IN THE VERY
15 COST SENSITIVE WORLD OF COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION. BECAUSE OF
16 THIS, IT IS VITAL THAT WE PROTECT ACCESS AND AFFORDABILITY TO
17 LOCATIONS IN THE COUNTY. GIVEN THE RECENT IMPLEMENTATION OF
18 THE FILM FEE INCREASES IN OTHER LOCAL JURISDICTIONS, THE
19 A.I.C.P. IS VERY CONCERNED WITH THE PRECEDENT-SETTING NATURE
20 THAT THESE NEW FEE INCREASES ESTABLISH. HOW LONG WILL IT BE
21 BEFORE OTHER COUNTY DEPARTMENTS SEEK TO INCREASE THEIR OWN
22 FEES FOR COST RECOVERY RELATED TO FILM PRODUCTION? IN
23 CONCLUSION, WE ASK THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE FIELD INSPECTION
24 PROGRAM TODAY AND PROVIDE INDUSTRY STAKEHOLDERS WITH THE
25 OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE SUGGESTIONS ON WHAT DOES AND DOES NOT WORK



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1 IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS. WE ALSO ASK THAT THE COUNTY HOLD OFF
2 ON INCREASING FEES UNTIL THE L.A. COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT CAN
3 MAKE A MORE THOROUGH ASSESSMENT OF THE FILM UNIT'S WORKLOAD
4 UNDER THE NEW INSPECTION PROGRAM AND FEE COLLECTION STRUCTURE.
5 THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR CONSIDERING OUR COMMENTS. WE HOPE TO
6 WORK COOPERATIVELY WITH THE COUNTY AND THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TO
7 FIND A WORKABLE AND REASONABLE SOLUTION TO THIS CHALLENGE.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, ARNOLD SACHS. I'D LIKE
12 TO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KNABE, FOR BRINGING UP THE POINT
13 REGARDING THE CUTS THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT PROPOSES. I MEAN,
14 THE ONE PERSON TO DO THIS WORK CUT FROM SEVEN PEOPLE IF THEY
15 DON'T GET THE INCREASE IN THE FEES. THE PREVIOUS SPEAKER JUST
16 MENTIONED THAT CONTRACT CITIES ARE NOT COLLECTING THE PERMIT
17 FEES. SO WHY ISN'T THAT HAPPENING? AND WHY ISN'T THE COUNTY
18 HOLDING SOME FORM OF ACCOUNTABILITY THAT THESE PERMIT FEES
19 AREN'T BEING COLLECTED? BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO POINT OUT FOR
20 MYSELF HERE AGAIN HOW YOU CAN PICK AND CHOOSE WHICH CALIFORNIA
21 CODES OF REGULATIONS YOU CHOOSE TO FOLLOW. THERE ARE CODES YOU
22 WANT TO FOLLOW BECAUSE THEY MAKE YOU SEEM LIKE YOU'RE
23 PERFORMING SOME SERVICE, BUT THEY'RE THE CODES AS PER THE
24 PUBLIC UTILITIES CODES, THAT YOU DON'T FOLLOW. BUT ALSO
25 SEVERAL MONTHS AGO THERE WAS -- AND PART OF THIS IS THIS FEE



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1 SITUATION, THIS WAIVING OF FEES. BECAUSE THE CITY OF L.A. HAS
2 A SIMILAR SITUATION. SEVERAL MONTHS AGO, THERE WAS A CIVIL
3 CASE BROUGHT AGAINST ONE OF THE PRODUCERS-- I HAVE THE
4 INFORMATION, BUT I DON'T HAVE THE GENERAL FACTS. SOMEBODY
5 SUED, THEY CLAIMED THEY WEREN'T GETTING THE MONEY THAT THEY
6 WERE OWED FOR I BELIEVE IT WAS DON JOHNSON, MIAMI VICE. AND HE
7 SUED BECAUSE HE CLAIMED HE WASN'T GETTING THE PROPER FEES. AND
8 THE JURY FOUND IN HIS FAVOR BASED ON THE FACT THAT THERE WAS
9 SOME HOLLYWOOD ACCOUNTING GOING ON. MY POINT BEING, WHEN YOU
10 CRY WOLF, WHEN YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT THE JOBS BEING LOST, BUT
11 THEN YOU ENGAGE IN HOLLYWOOD ACCOUNTING, IT KIND OF WEAKENS
12 YOUR POSITION. ELIMINATE THE HOLLYWOOD ACCOUNTING AND YOU'LL
13 STRENGTHEN YOUR STANCE. THE SAME THING WITH YOUR STANCE ON
14 WHICH CODES YOU WANT TO HOLD ACCOUNTABLE TO AND WHICH CODES
15 YOU DON'T WANT TO BELIEVE IN. IT MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT TO --
16 WHEN YOU REALLY GET TO THE FACTS TO BELIEVE ANYTHING THAT YOU
17 SAY GOVERNMENT-WISE HAS ANY -- HOLDS ANY WATER. CLEAN UP YOUR
18 ACT. THANK YOU.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** MR. WALSH?

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22 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH. BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG,
23 EMAIL AT HOLLYWOODDEMS@GMAIL.COM AND TWITTERING AT
24 HOLLYWOODDEMS. YOU KNOW, UNIVERSAL HAS THE COLOSSAL NERVE TO
25 OPPOSE THIS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FEE. THEY ALMOST BURNED



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1 DOWN THEIR WHOLE STUDIO. THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN AT PARAMOUNT IN
2 THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN ANY OF THE
3 STUDIOS IN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES BECAUSE THE L.A.F.D. HAD
4 THE MONEY TO INSPECT. THEY HAD THE FUNDS TO INSPECT. THE
5 REASON THAT UNIVERSAL, THROUGH GROSS NEGLIGENCE, ALMOST
6 DESTROYED THEIR ENTIRE STUDIO IS BECAUSE THE COUNTY FIRE
7 DEPARTMENT DID NOT HAVE THE MONEY TO INSPECT. IT HAD BEEN CUT
8 FROM THIS BUDGET. AND I'M TELLING YOU RIGHT NOW, IF IT WEREN'T
9 FOR THE BRAVERY OF THE COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT WHO ARE BEING
10 TREATED HERE AS FOOLS AND TRYING TO DESTROY UNIVERSAL, YOU
11 KNOW, I DON'T CRY, THERE'S NO GREATER -- THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
12 THAT THESE COMPANIES ARE MAKING, THESE STUDIOS ARE MAKING IS
13 INCREDIBLE. AND THEY HAVE THE NERVE TO SAY: WE DON'T WANT TO
14 PAY FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. THANK GOD FOR THE FIRE
15 DEPARTMENT. AND THESE PEOPLE WITH SUITS AND THEIR SMIRKS AND
16 THEY SIT HERE, LADY, I'M SAYING IT TO THE 70 OR 80,000 PEOPLE
17 WHO WATCH THIS COUNTY. THEY WATCH IT. IT DIDN'T HAPPEN IN
18 CULVER CITY. THERE WAS NO FIRE IN CULVER CITY. AT THE M.G.M.,
19 OLD M.G.M. STUDIOS. THERE WERE NO FIRES IN BURBANK. THE ONLY
20 FIRE THAT HAPPENED THAT ALMOST DESTROYED A STUDIO WAS IN THE
21 UNINCORPORATED AREA KNOWN AS UNIVERSAL CITY. THERE IS NO SUCH
22 CITY AS UNIVERSAL CITY. IT'S A FIGMENT. LET'S -- I THINK WE
23 SHOULD TRIPLE THE BUDGET OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT INSTEAD OF
24 CUTTING IN TWO YEARS CUTTING \$90 MILLION OUT. BUT THESE PEOPLE
25 LIVE FAR AWAY IN THOSE BEAUTIFUL WHITE NEIGHBORHOODS WITH ALL



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1 THEIR FIRE DEPARTMENT, AND MEANWHILE THEY BURN DOWN THEIR OWN
2 STUDIO OUT OF NEGLIGENCE. THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** WELL, I GUESS I JUST GOT AN EDUCATION. (OFF MIC
7 COMMENT). SEE YOU ON THURSDAY, JOHN. WE'LL SEE YOU ON
8 THURSDAY. YEAH. FIRST OF ALL, JUST A CLARIFICATION ON THE
9 CONTRACT CITIES ISSUE, IT'S NOT THE FACT THAT CONTRACT CITIES
10 ARE NOT COLLECTING FEES. IT'S THE FACT THAT WE AREN'T
11 COLLECTING FEES FOR WORK BEING DONE IN OUR CONTRACT CITIES.
12 AND SO THAT CLARIFICATION. ALSO, THE -- YOU KNOW, I HAD A
13 SITUATION YESTERDAY WHERE I WAS VISITING WITH SOME FOLKS AND
14 THIS INDIVIDUAL JUST FINISHED FILMING SOME COMMERCIALS IN
15 SCOTLAND BECAUSE IT WAS CHEAPER TO DO IT IN SCOTLAND AND FLY
16 THE CREW THERE THAN TO DO IT HERE. THEY HAD NO IDEA THAT WE
17 WERE GOING TO BE DISCUSSING FEES TODAY. IT WAS JUST AN
18 INTERESTING CONCEPT IN REGARDS TO ALL THIS. THIS IS NOT TO
19 GIVE OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT -- THEY ARE OUR HEROES -- A HARD
20 TIME. THE DIFFICULTY THAT I HAVE, THOUGH, IS THERE ARE SOME
21 IMPLEMENTATION THINGS THAT WE HAVE NOT PUT OUR ARMS AROUND YET
22 AND HAVE NOT DONE A GOOD JOB AS IT RELATES TO COLLECTING FEES,
23 THE SPOT CHECK PROGRAM, TO REALLY KNOW WHERE WE'RE AT BEFORE
24 WE ASK FOR PERCENTAGE INCREASES FOR 430 PERCENT OR WHATEVER IT
25 MAY BE, 138 PERCENT. AND THAT'S THE POINT, CHIEF, IS THAT THIS



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1 IS A BIG INDUSTRY. IN 2009, IT WAS THE SECOND LARGEST EMPLOYER
2 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND FOR EACH OF THOSE JOBS, THERE'S
3 ANOTHER TWO OR THREE JOBS. AND, AGAIN, I CONTINUE TO SAY, YOU
4 CAN'T PRINT ENOUGH MONEY TO GET US OUT OF OUR ISSUE. IT'S ALL
5 ABOUT JOBS. AND THAT'S THE ISSUE HERE. THIS IS NOT TO SAY THAT
6 YOU CAN'T DO IT WITH LESS THAN SEVEN PEOPLE. I MEAN, I FIND IT
7 HARD TO BELIEVE IT WOULD BE ONE. BUT, YOU KNOW, I'M JUST
8 SAYING LET'S TRY TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF A MAJOR EMPLOYER HERE IN
9 THE COUNTY AND THE STATE. AND FIND OUT EXACTLY WHERE WE ARE
10 AND WHAT WE NEED TO DO AND THEN DEAL WITH THE PERCENTAGE
11 INCREASES THAT MAY BE NECESSARY. I MEAN, HOW -- MAYBE YOU CAN
12 RESPOND TO THE ONE PARTICULAR INCREASE OF 450 PERCENT, FUEL
13 TRUCK VEHICLE PERMIT. 456 PERCENT INCREASE.

14

15 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** I CAN, SUPERVISOR. AND AGAIN, THE
16 FEES ARE BASED ON THE HOURS SPENT BY STAFF ON A PRO RATA BASIS
17 FOR THAT PARTICULAR TYPE OF INSPECTION. THAT IS A FULL-SCALE
18 INSPECTION OF VEHICLES THAT CARRY FLAMMABLE FUEL THAT SERVE
19 THESE FILM SITES. AND THIS IS AN ANNUAL FEE THAT WOULD BE PAID
20 BY THOSE VEHICLE OWNERS AND OPERATORS. AND THAT IS RELATED
21 AGAIN TO THE STAFF AND THE ACTUAL TIME THAT IS SPENT
22 CONDUCTING THOSE INSPECTIONS. AND IF I MAY JUST CLARIFY ONE
23 THING, WE ARE NOT UNAWARE OF OUR SO FAR LESS THAN STELLAR
24 ABILITY TO COLLECT THE FEES THAT HAVE BEEN IN PLACE. BUT I
25 WANT TO REITERATE THAT THE PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM UNIT HAS



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1 CONTINUED TO OPERATE AT FULL STAFFING AND ESSENTIALLY WHERE
2 THOSE FEES HAVE NOT BEEN COLLECTED, THE SERVICE HAS CONTINUED
3 TO BE PROVIDED AND THE COST OF THAT UNIT HAS BEEN BORNE BY THE
4 DISTRICT BUDGET. SO THE SERVICES CONTINUED TO SERVE THE
5 INDUSTRY AND, IN FACT, WHEN THE INDUSTRY MAKES COMMENT ABOUT
6 THE LACK OF COLLECTION, IT IS ACCURATE. HOWEVER, IT MEANS THAT
7 MANY OF THOSE PERMITS HAVE BEEN ISSUED AT NO CHARGE TO THE
8 INDUSTRY. SO IT SEEMS, IN SORT OF A PERVERTED WAY, THAT
9 SOMEBODY OUGHT TO AT LEAST THANK US FOR HELPING FILMING FOR
10 THE LAST FOUR YEARS BY NOT DOING SUCH A GOOD JOB OF COLLECTING
11 THE FEES. NOW, THE POINT IS: GIVEN THESE HARD TIMES, IT HAS
12 BEEN OUR EFFORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO YOUR BOARD TO SCALE
13 BACK THE NONEMERGENCY SERVICE WHERE WE CAN, WHERE THERE ARE
14 FEES THAT ARE ASSOCIATED WITH A DIRECT USER TYPE OF SERVICE
15 WE'RE PROVIDING, TO EVALUATE THOSE FEES. AND THAT IS WHAT HAS
16 BROUGHT US HERE TO YOUR BOARD TODAY. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT
17 COLLECTION ON THE CURRENT FEES WILL NOT OFFSET THE COST OF THE
18 FILM UNIT AT ITS CURRENT STAFFING. AND JUST TO CLARIFY, WHEN I
19 MADE THE COMMENT, I SAID UNDER THE CURRENT REVENUE COMING IN,
20 IT WOULD BE ONE FULL-TIME PERSON AND PART-TIME OF SEVERAL
21 OTHERS TO CARRY OUT THAT SERVICE IF WE SCALE IT BACK TO THAT
22 LEVEL. SO I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY THAT POINT, THANK YOU VERY
23 MUCH.
24



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD GLADLY GIVE YOU CREDIT FOR NOT COLLECTING
2 FEES BUT IT WASN'T INTENTIONAL ON THE FIRE DEPARTMENT'S PART.
3 IT WAS YOUR INABILITY TO BE ABLE TO COLLECT THOSE FEES. IT
4 WASN'T THE INDUSTRY ASKING OR THE DEPARTMENT VOLUNTEERING AND
5 SAYING "WE WON'T COLLECT THOSE FEES." I MEAN THAT'S THE POINT
6 HERE. THE POINT IS THAT THERE'S AN OPPORTUNITY TO COLLECT
7 THOSE FEES AND YOU COULD HAVE COLLECTED THEM FOR FOUR YEARS.
8 AND SO IT'S NOT, YOU KNOW, LET'S --

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR THOMAS?

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12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR. I WANT TO
13 SEE IF WE CAN CLARIFY WHAT WE ARE ACTUALLY SPEAKING ABOUT IN
14 TERMS OF THE PROPOSED FEES. REFERENCE IS MADE TO THE
15 PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE. BUT THE ACTUAL, THAT IS TO SAY THE RAW
16 NUMBER IS INSTRUCTIVE, AS WELL. AND I THINK FOR THE PURPOSES
17 OF EVERYONE HAVING A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING ABOUT THAT WHICH IS
18 PROPOSED, IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO SET THAT FORTH, CHIEF. AND
19 WHILE I ASK YOU TO LOCATE THE SPECIFICS, I THINK IT'S A MATTER
20 OF PUBLIC RECORD WHERE I'VE BEEN WITH THIS PARTICULAR
21 INDUSTRY. I ADVOCATED VERY STRONGLY WHILE A MEMBER OF THE
22 LEGISLATURE TO DO ALL THAT WAS REASONABLE TO ACCOMMODATE
23 RETAINING THE STRENGTH OF THE INDUSTRY IN NOT ONLY L.A. COUNTY
24 BUT THEN THE ENTIRETY OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, REALIZING
25 ITS POTENT, POSITIVE IMPACT IN OUR STATE'S ECONOMY AND MORE



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1 SPECIFICALLY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND VARIOUS ELEMENTS OF
2 THE INDUSTRY, MELISSA PATAK IS NO STRANGER TO THE WORK THAT
3 WE'VE COLLABORATED ON TOGETHER AS WELL AS VARIOUS STUDIOS. AND
4 SO NOTHING THAT HAPPENS HERE TODAY, MY SECONDING OF THE MOTION
5 BEFORE US IS A REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO ACCOMMODATE THE REQUEST
6 TO MAKE SURE THE INSPECTIONS ARE DONE IN A TIMELY AND
7 EFFECTIVE MANNER; BUT THE DISCUSSION HERE OUGHT NOT TO BE
8 REDUCED TO ABSTRACTIONS OR THAT WHICH IS TRADITIONALLY
9 ANTICIPATED AS "NO, NOT ME, DON'T RAISE MY FEES" WHEN IN FACT
10 IF IT CAN BE SUSTAINED OR SUBSTANTIATED THAT THESE INCREASES
11 ARE NOT ASTRONOMICAL, BUT THEY ARE QUITE SPECIFIC AND ARGUABLY
12 REASONABLE. YOU TALK ABOUT 138 PERCENT INCREASES, 400 PERCENT
13 INCREASES AND THE LIKE, LET'S TALK ACTUAL NUMBERS. I THINK
14 THAT WOULD BE INSTRUCTIVE. CHIEF?

15

16 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. THE CURRENT
17 FILM PERMIT FEE THAT IS IN EFFECT IS \$104. WHAT IS BEING
18 RECOMMENDED IS \$282 IN THAT CATEGORY. THE CURRENT OF SPECIAL
19 EFFECT OR PYROTECHNICS PERMIT IS CURRENTLY \$125.
20 RECOMMENDATION, \$288. THE FUEL TRUCK VEHICLE PERMIT IS
21 CURRENTLY \$40 PER YEAR. THAT WAS RECOMMENDED TO GO TO \$223 PER
22 YEAR PER VEHICLE. AND COMMERCIAL STILL PHOTOGRAPHY UP UNTIL
23 NOW HAS NOT HAD A FEE ASSOCIATED WITH THAT TYPE OF PRODUCTION.
24 HOWEVER, WHAT IS RECOMMENDED IS FOR THOSE COMMERCIAL STILL



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1 PHOTOGRAPHY SHOOTS THAT INVOLVE CREW AND CAST OF 15 OR MORE,
2 THERE WOULD BE A \$277 PERMIT FEE CHARGE.

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4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NOW, WHEN THE ACTUAL NUMBERS ARE SET
5 FORWARD, WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT INCREASING THE CURRENT FEES
6 FROM \$5,000 TO \$10,000 AND CALLING IT A 100 PERCENT INCREASE.
7 WE'RE TALKING ABOUT \$40 IN ONE INSTANCE AS WE TALK ABOUT THE
8 FIRST INDICATION HERE TO \$223. I HARDLY WISH TO TRIVIALIZE
9 ANYONE'S CLAIM ABOUT INCREASES THAT ARE BURDENSOME. BUT IT'S
10 HARDLY PERSUASIVE TO SUGGEST THAT THIS IS BURDENSOME. AND IF
11 YOU THINK WE CAN BE PERSUADED, I HAVE YET TO HEAR THE ARGUMENT
12 THAT SUBSTANTIATES THAT. I'M LISTENING AND WOULD INVITE IT.
13 THE OTHER POINT TO BE MADE IS WHEN WE TALK ABOUT FIRE SAFETY
14 AND PROTECTION, I THINK IT OUGHT TO BE A PREMIUM THAT ATTACHES
15 TO IT, PARTICULARLY IN THE AREA OF PREVENTION. ONE OF THESE
16 CATEGORIES, CHIEF, THAT YOU JUST MADE REFERENCE TO, WHICH ONE
17 WAS THAT? THE THIRD CATEGORY, WAS IT NOT?

18

19 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** THE FUEL TRUCK VEHICLE PERMITS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** PRECISELY.

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23 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** YES.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS THAT NOT THE ESSENCE OF PREVENTIVE WORK
2 THAT THE DEPARTMENT DOES IN PART, OR NO?

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4 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** YES, SIR. I CERTAINLY WOULD CONCUR
5 THAT IT IS PREVENTIVE. IN FACT, ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROGRAM
6 ARE IN THE REALM OF PREVENTIVE, IN LOOKING AT THE PROPOSED
7 PRODUCTION, THE LOCATION IN WHICH THE PRODUCTION IS PROPOSED.
8 AND QUITE OFTEN, THESE PRODUCTION SITES ARE IN AREAS THAT ARE
9 PRONE TO VEGETATION, FIRE, WILD LAND FIRE AND THINGS OF THAT
10 NATURE. MANY OF THE MOVIES INVOLVE SPECIAL EFFECTS,
11 PYROTECHNICS. AND THAT INVOLVES FIRE AND EXPLOSIVES. AND THIS
12 INVOLVES THE INSPECTION AND THE PROVISIONS MADE SO THAT IT CAN
13 BE DONE IN A PREVENTIVE AND SAFE WAY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I ASK AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION? AND THIS
16 WILL INCLUDE THE QUESTIONS I THINK I WISH TO ASK. IS THE
17 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AVAILABLE TO COMMENT ON WHAT WE ARE
18 PRESENTING HERE AND THE EXTENT TO WHICH THEIR INPUT HAS BEEN
19 SOUGHT AND RENDERED?

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL CALL DOWN AND AND ASK HER TO COME TO THE
22 BOARDROOM.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. I THINK WHEN
25 PROPOSED FEES ARE BEING PLACED BEFORE US, WE HAVE AN



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1 OBLIGATION TO CAREFULLY LAY OUT ALL THE STEPS THAT HAVE BEEN
2 TAKEN TO DO IT PRUDENTLY AND IN A DEFENSIBLE MANNER SO AS NOT
3 TO GIVE THE IMPRESSION THAT WE ARE JUST SIMPLY WHIMSICALLY
4 PURSUING ANY PARTICULAR INDUSTRY OR FOR THAT MATTER GOUGING
5 ANY PARTICULAR INDUSTRY. SO THE POINT OF VIEW OF THE AUDITOR-
6 CONTROLLER, WHOSE FUNCTION IS TO BE OBJECTIVE AND TO MAKE SURE
7 WE DOT THE I'S AND CROSS THE T'S WOULD BE HELPFUL. SO THE
8 QUESTION IS RELATED TO THE METHODOLOGY USED TO CALCULATE THE
9 PROPOSED FEES AND WHERE YOUR OFFICE HAS WEIGHED IN WITH
10 RESPECT TO THIS MATTER, MA'AM.

11

12 **WENDY WATANABE:** SUPERVISOR, WENDY WATANABE WITH THE AUDITOR-
13 CONTROLLER. I APOLOGIZE. I WAS NOT PREPARED FOR THIS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. ON THE MATTER OF THE FEES BEING
16 REQUESTED OR PROPOSED BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. YOUR REPORT ON
17 THE MATTER. YOUR OFFICE'S REPORT ON THE MATTER. IN TERMS OF
18 THE METHODOLOGY THAT WAS USED TO CALCULATE THE FEES AND IF
19 THEY WERE VALIDATED BY YOUR OFFICE.

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21 **WENDY WATANABE:** I WILL HAVE TO GET BACK TO YOU.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU NEED TO GET BACK QUICKLY, THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** I THINK THE QUESTION WAS: WAS THE AUDITOR-
2 CONTROLLER INVOLVED IN THE CALCULATION OF THE FEES?

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** REPORT OF JULY 21 SUBSTANTIATES THAT THAT
5 WAS THE CASE.

6

7 **WENDY WATANABE:** OKAY. I APOLOGIZE. THIS DOES NOT LOOK FAMILIAR
8 TO ME. MY STAFF PROVIDED THAT TO YOU? OKAY.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YES.

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12 **WENDY WATANABE:** I CAN PROBABLY GET MORE INFORMATION.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU SHOULD. AND YOU SHOULD DO IT QUICKLY,
15 PLEASE.

16

17 **WENDY WATANABE:** SURE.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** DO YOU WANT TO LAY IT ON THE
20 TABLE?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WE CAN UNLESS THERE'S SOMEONE ELSE WHO
23 WISHES TO BE HEARD AT THIS POINT.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THAT'S ALL THE WITNESSES TO
2 TESTIFY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. I WOULD THINK THAT WE WOULD
5 WANT TO TABLE IT UNTIL SUCH TIME THAT WE HEAR BACK FROM THE
6 AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. I WANT TO KNOW IF THIS PROPOSED
7 METHODOLOGY AND THE LIKE CAN BE SUBSTANTIATED OR VALIDATED BY
8 THAT DEPARTMENT. WE RELY ON THEM TO GIVE US OBJECTIVE INSIGHTS
9 AND INFORMATION SO THAT WE ARE NOT SIMPLY DEPENDENT ON THE
10 PERSPECTIVE OF A GIVEN DEPARTMENT AS THEY SEEK TO BALANCE
11 THEIR BUDGET OR INCREASE THEIR STAFF.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY, WE HAVE ONE ITEM THAT
14 WAS HELD FOR THE PUBLIC, ITEM 11. WE CAN TAKE THAT ITEM. WE
15 COULD HAVE THE FIRE CHIEF AND STAFF STAY AND STAND ON ALERT.
16 OKAY. ITEM 11 IS JOHN WALSH AND ARNOLD SACHS AND PATRICK
17 O'ROURKE. PATRICK O'ROURKE? JOHN WALSH IS NOT ON 11. ARNOLD
18 SACHS AND PATRICK O'ROURKE. JOHN, YOU DIDN'T SIGN UP FOR NO.
19 11. JUST MR. SACHS AND MR. PATRICK. AND THEN ALSO WHEN YOU
20 CONCLUDE WITH THAT, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO GIVE YOUR COMMENT
21 ON CS-2.

22

23 **ARNOLD SACHS:** NO PROBLEM. THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD
24 SACHS. MY CONCERN WITH THIS, ACTUALLY IT'S BEEN HEIGHTENED
25 AFTER READING SOME OF THIS REPORT, IS THAT FIRST OF ALL, THE



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1 COUNTY IS MAKING AN AGREEMENT WITH THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT
2 REVIEW FOR SPECIAL LEGAL SERVICES WITH OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT
3 REVIEW ATTORNEYS. SO IN ESSENCE YOU'RE AGREEING TO AGREE WITH
4 THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW, WHICH KIND OF MAKES ME
5 QUESTION JUST HOW INDEPENDENT THIS OFFICE REALLY IS. AND THEN
6 THERE WAS A STORY IN THE L.A. TIMES, AND I'M NOT QUESTIONING
7 THE OUTCOME. BUT THERE WAS A SITUATION THAT OCCURRED AT TWIN
8 TOWERS, I BELIEVE. AND THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW
9 REVIEWED THE CONDUCT OF THE PERSONNEL THAT WERE INVOLVED AND
10 DECIDED IT WASN'T WORTH QUESTIONING. THEN IT WAS LATER
11 REVEALED WHEN ONE OF THE PERSONNEL WENT TO APPLY FOR ANOTHER
12 JOB THAT, IN FACT, THEIR CONDUCT HADN'T BEEN ON THE UP AND UP.
13 SO MY QUESTION WOULD BE IS: WHAT ARE THE STANDARDS FOR
14 REVIEWING THE PEOPLE THAT ACTUALLY DO THE REVIEWING OF THE
15 OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW? DO YOU SAY WAIT A MINUTE, YOU
16 MISSED THAT CASE BY A MILE AND NOW WE'RE SUBJECT TO A LEGAL
17 PAYOUT BECAUSE OF THIS HUGE MISCUE? DO YOU REVIEW OR ARE THESE
18 STANDINGS OF A AND B, THE ATTORNEYS AND PEOPLE THAT SIT ON THE
19 INDEPENDENT OFFICE OF REVIEW, WHICH AGAIN I QUESTION? DO THEY
20 EVER GET CALLED IN TO REVIEW OF HOW THEY COME UP WITH THEIR
21 DECISIONS? AND ESPECIALLY AFTER THE COUNTY IS HELD LIABLE IN A
22 CASE THAT THEY ORIGINALLY OR THEY WILL SAY THERE IS NO BASIS
23 FOR US TO REVIEW, AND WE FIND EVERYTHING IS PRETTY MUCH HUNKY
24 DORY. THANK YOU.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. DO YOU WANT TO DO
2 CS-2 REAL QUICK? CS-2?

3

4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** OH YOU WANT TO DO CS-2. AGAIN, THIS IS CS-2,
5 THIS IS TODAY'S NEWSPAPER, BY THE WAY. DAVID LAZARUS WRITES A
6 COLUMN. AND IN IT HE STATES, HE'S TALKING ABOUT PHONES, CELL
7 PHONES, BUT HE'S MENTIONING SOME REGULATIONS. AND HE HAS A
8 DISCUSSION WITH ANITA GORE, SPOKESMAN FOR THE WOMEN OF THE
9 BOARD OF EQUALIZATION. AND HER COMMENT AT THE END OF THE
10 COLUMN IS "LEGISLATION WAS CRAFTED BY THE LAWMAKER AND SIGNED
11 BY THE GOVERNOR, WE WOULD LIVE WITHIN THE NEW LAW." AND THIS
12 IS WHAT ANITA GORE, SPOKESMAN FOR THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION
13 STATES. AGAIN, MY POINT BEING, BACK TO MY FAVORITE SUBJECT,
14 THE METRO, WHEN IT CAME TO S.B.1847 -- AND HERE YOU'RE GOING
15 TO TALK ABOUT S.B.3632, S.B.1847, WHICH WAS THE CREATION OF
16 THE METRO BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY RIGHT OUT THE
17 WINDOW. SO AGAIN I ASK HOW YOU CHERRY PICK IN WHAT YOU WANT TO
18 DISCUSS, HOW YOU CHERRY PICK ON WHAT YOU WANT TO FEEL
19 RIGHTEOUS ABOUT, AND HOW YOU CHERRY PICK ON HOW YOU GOVERN THE
20 COUNTY AND THE BOARDS THAT YOU SIT ON. JUST OUT OF CURIOSITY.
21 THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. MR. PATRICK?

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1 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YEAH, HELLO MY NAME IS PATRICK O'ROURKE. I
2 LIVE IN SANTA MONICA. I'VE CONTACTED ZEV YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE
3 REGARDING THESE ISSUES. THE MAIN CONCERN I HAVE OVER ITEM NO.
4 11 IS THE FACT THAT I HAVE NOT BEEN REFERRED, EVEN THOUGH I'VE
5 RUN INTO A STONE WALL REGARDING ANY INVESTIGATION OF
6 INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR, CRIMINAL MISCONDUCT, TAMPERING WITH
7 WITNESSES, VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS, SO ON, SO ON, INCLUDING
8 THE RAPE OF MY DAUGHTER WITHIN A D.C.F.S. OFFICE. I HAVE NOT
9 BEEN GIVEN APPROPRIATE REFERRAL TO WHICH AGENCY TO GO TO NEXT.
10 WITH THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL, I WOULD LIKE
11 THAT ONE PERSON BE SET UP FOR ALL COMPLAINTS MADE BY PEOPLE.
12 AND THERE ARE THOUSANDS OF US WITHIN L.A. COUNTY ALONE,
13 THOUSANDS OF US, IF NOT TENS OF THOUSANDS, WHOSE CIVIL RIGHTS
14 AND CRIMES -- WHOSE CIVIL RIGHTS HAVE BEEN VIOLATED AND CRIMES
15 HAVE BEEN COMMITTED AGAINST US INDIVIDUALLY, AGAINST OUR
16 CHILDREN AND AGAINST THE PEOPLE INVOLVED. WITNESS TAMPERING IS
17 A CRIME. L.A. COUNTY EMPLOYEES ARE NOT ABOVE THE LAW.
18 ACCORDING TO FEDERAL CONSTITUTIONAL LAW, WHICH I QUOTED
19 EARLIER THIS YEAR IF YOU WERE LISTENING OR NOT, STATES THAT
20 IT'S THE JOB OF THE COUNTIES TO INVESTIGATE CRIMES AGAINST
21 CITIZENS OR ABUSE OF POWER OR AUTHORITY BY INDIVIDUALS WITHIN
22 THE COUNTY. IT'S THE INDIVIDUAL COUNTY'S RESPONSIBILITY. I
23 HAVE STILL NOT HAD A FAIR HEARING ON THESE ALLEGATIONS. MY
24 CHILD WAS RAPED. OVER 20 HOURS LATER SHE WAS EXAMINED. THIS IS
25 NOT L.A. COUNTY PROCEDURE. THIS WAS A PROCEDURE TO PROTECT THE



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1 INDIVIDUAL RAPIST AT THE WEST L.A. OFFICE FROM CRIMINAL
2 PROSECUTION WHILE A CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION WAS GOING ON. THIS
3 IS A CRIME. IT'S CALLED BEING -- WHEN YOU COMMIT A CRIME, WHEN
4 SOMEONE COMMITS A CRIME AND YOU HELP THAT PERSON COVER UP THE
5 CRIME, WHETHER FOR THE GOOD OF AN AGENCY OR WHATEVER REASON
6 YOU HAVE, YOU ARE AN ACCOMPLICE. YOU BECOME ALSO INDICTABLE.
7 THESE ARE NOT HAPPENING. AND I WANT AND I BEG YOU FOR THE
8 SAFETY OF THESE CHILDREN TO SET UP ONE PERSON THAT HANDLES
9 THESE COMPLAINTS. YOU HAVE NO IDEA OF THE NUMBER OF CRIMES
10 THAT ARE HAPPENING AGAINST THESE CHILDREN. IN THE UNITED
11 STATES, NINE TIMES MORE LIKELY IS A CHILD TO BE RAPED WHILE IN
12 D.C.F.S. THAN BY THE PARENTS THAT ARE TAKING CARE OF IT. OVER
13 FOUR TIMES IS THAT CHILD LIKELY TO DIE. AND IN L.A. COUNTY,
14 IT'S ACTUALLY THE WORST SITUATION. IT'S EVEN WORSE THAN THE
15 NATIONAL AVERAGE. AND THESE ARE REPORTED BY -- THESE ARE
16 STATISTICS REPORTED BY THE COUNTY AND BY D.C.F.S. ACROSS THE
17 NATION, C.P.S. AS IT'S CALLED. I WANT YOU TO -- I BEG YOU TO
18 JUST CONSIDER THIS AND DO IT, PLEASE, FOR THE SAKE OF THESE
19 CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]
22 SUPERVISOR?

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MR. CHAIR PRO TEM, WE NEED A MOTION ON ITEM
25 NO. 11.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. MOTION BY KNABE.
3 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. AND YOUR SPECIALS,
4 SUPERVISOR THOMAS?

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6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIR. MAY I
7 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THREE INDIVIDUALS. AND WHEN DOING SO,
8 WITH RESPECT TO THE FIRST. ASK THAT ALL MEMBERS JOIN,
9 PARTICULARLY SUPERVISOR KNABE. SENATOR JENNY OROPEZA, BORN
10 SEPTEMBER 27, 1957, IN MONTEBELLO, AND PASSED ON OCTOBER 20,
11 2010 AT THE AGE OF 53. SHE SERVED AS THE STUDENT BODY
12 PRESIDENT AT CAL STATE UNIVERSITY AT LONG BEACH, AND GRADUATED
13 WITH A BUSINESS DEGREE. SHE WAS A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT FOR
14 OVER 20 YEARS, BEGINNING WITH HER ELECTION TO THE LONG BEACH
15 SCHOOL BOARD IN 1988. IN 1994 SHE BECAME THE FIRST LATINO TO
16 BE ELECTED AT THE LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL, WHERE SHE SERVED
17 UNTIL 2000, WHEN SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE CALIFORNIA STATE
18 ASSEMBLY. IN THE ASSEMBLY SHE SAT AS CHAIR OF THE BUDGET
19 COMMITTEE. IN 2006, SHE WAS ELECTED TO THE 28TH SENATE
20 DISTRICT IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AND SERVED AS CHAIR OF
21 THE SENATE MAJORITY CAUCUS. SHE WAS VYING TO RETAIN HER SEAT
22 IN THE UPCOMING ELECTION. SUDDENLY WE LEARNED OF HER PASSING.
23 SHE WILL BE FONDLY REMEMBERED FOR HER PASSION AND HER
24 COMPASSION, HER DEDICATION TO HER CONSTITUENTS AND THEIR WELL-
25 BEING. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE IN THE ASSEMBLY AND IN



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1 THE SENATE WITH JENNY OROPEZA AND PRIOR TO THAT WHEN WE WERE
2 IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AT THE INDEPENDENT CITY ASSOCIATION. SPENT
3 MANY HOURS THERE TRYING TO UNDERSTAND THE IMPACTS OF STATE
4 GOVERNMENT ON THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT. SHE
5 LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORY HER HUSBAND, TOM; HER MOTHER,
6 SHARON; HER SIBLINGS, LYNN AND JOHN. SENATOR JENNY OROPEZA.
7 THEN MR. BENJAMIN GONZALEZ.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SECOND, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
10 ORDERED.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU. BORN IN 1933 IN EL SALVADOR AND
13 PASSED ON -- MARCH 30, 1933 IN EL SALVADOR AND PASSED ON
14 OCTOBER 13 AT THE AGE OF 77. HE GRADUATED FROM THE UNIVERSITY
15 OF EL SALVADOR, WHERE HE SUBSEQUENTLY TAUGHT HISTORY AND
16 GRAMMAR. HE LATER WORKED AS A GROUNDSKEEPER AT CALIFORNIA
17 STATE UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO. HE LOVED TO READ CLASSICS
18 BEYOND MEASURE. AND HE ENJOYED MUSIC AND DANCING AND THE ARTS.
19 HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS HAPPINESS, HOW HE LOVED
20 EVERYONE, HIS STYLE OF TEACHING, AND HIS AFFINITY FOR
21 STORYTELLING. HE WAS AN EXCELLENT TEACHER WHO MADE A LASTING
22 IMPRESSION ON ALL STUDENTS AND INFLUENCED THEM TO PURSUE
23 HIGHER EDUCATION. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, VILMA; HIS
24 CHILDREN, ROBERT, EVELYN, AND MARY LOU CASTELLANO, WHO IS A
25 MEMBER OF MY STAFF; FIVE SIBLINGS; MANY STEPCHILDREN,



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1 GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, A HOST OF FAMILY
2 MEMBERS AND FRIENDS. CHAIRMAN, THAT CONCLUDES.

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
5 ORDERED. ANY SPECIALS?

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DID WANT TO ALSO CALL TO THE BOARD'S
8 ATTENTION BOB KHOLOS, THE FIRST PRESS SECRETARY, SOME OF US
9 MAY REMEMBER, FOR THEN MAYOR TOM BRADLEY. HE DIED SUDDENLY
10 LAST WEEK. AND BOB IS SURVIVED BY PAM KHOLOS-YEATON, AND HIS
11 DAUGHTER, MOLLY KHOLOS, CURRENTLY A RESIDENT OF EUGENE,
12 OREGON, BUT MADE HIS MARK AND WE WERE REQUESTED THAT WE
13 REMEMBER HIM FOR HIS CONTRIBUTION TO THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES
14 AND HIS SERVICE THERE.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SECONDED. WITHOUT OBJECTION.
17 SO ORDERED. (OFF MIC COMMENTS) SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE
20 MEMORY OF CONOR LYNCH, A STUDENT AT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL IN
21 SHERMAN OAKS, WHO DIED TRAGICALLY AT THE AGE OF 16 WHEN HE WAS
22 FATALLY STRUCK BY A PASSING CAR AS HE WAS WORKING OUT WITH HIS
23 CROSS COUNTRY TEAM, THE NOTRE DAME CROSS COUNTRY TEAM. THEY
24 WERE CROSSING WOODMAN AVENUE LAST TUESDAY AFTERNOON. CONOR WAS
25 A MEMBER OF THE NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY TEAM



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1 WHERE HE WAS A JUNIOR. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A SELF-
2 ASSURED, HELPFUL INDIVIDUAL. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS,
3 TWO YOUNGER BROTHERS, MANY FRIENDS AND OF COURSE THE ENTIRE
4 STUDENT BODY OF NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL. RALPH AMADO, SUPERIOR
5 COURT COMMISSIONER, WHO DIED AT THE AGE OF 68 AS A RESULT OF
6 AN ILLNESS. HE EARNED HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE FROM U.S.C. IN
7 1964 BEFORE ATTENDING LAW SCHOOL. AFTER HE GAINED ADMISSION TO
8 THE STATE BAR IN 1969, HE SPENT SEVEN YEARS AS A DEPUTY L.A.
9 CITY ATTORNEY THEN WENT INTO PRIVATE PRACTICE. HE WAS ELECTED
10 IN 1988 AS A COMMISSIONER BY THE MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGES AND HE
11 ROUTINELY HANDLED A HIGH NUMBER OF MATTERS EACH DAY. MOTTO IN
12 HIS FAMILY HAVE A LONG HISTORY AND INVOLVEMENT IN THE JEWISH
13 COMMUNITY AND RELIGIOUS ORGANIZATIONS. HIS TURKISH EMIGRE
14 FATHER WAS A FOUNDER OF WHAT WOULD ULTIMATELY BECOME THE
15 SEPHARDIC TEMPLE TIFERETH ISRAEL, AND RALPH SERVED AS A
16 PRESIDENT OF THAT TEMPLE IN 1993. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE,
17 HONEY, WHO IS ONE OF MY COMMISSIONERS; AND THREE CHILDREN,
18 JESSICA, MICAH, AND GABRIELLE. ELMA BECK, WHO IS THE MOTHER OF
19 LOS ANGELES POLICE CHIEF CHARLIE BECK, PASSED AWAY AT HER SAN
20 PEDRO HOME AT THE AGE OF 87. SHE WAS BORN IN NANAIMO, CANADA
21 WHERE SHE EARNED HER NURSING DEGREE IN 1945 AND MOVED TO LOS
22 ANGELES TO PURSUE HER CAREER. SHE EARNED HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE
23 AND TEACHING CREDENTIAL AT CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY IN LONG
24 BEACH IN 1966 AND TAUGHT FIFTH GRADE FOR 19 YEARS IN
25 BELLFLOWER. SHE WAS A LIFELONG ATHLETE, COMPETED IN NUMEROUS



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1 MARATHONS AND POWER LIFTING EVENTS AND WAS ALSO AN ARTIST
2 WHOSE PAINTINGS ARE DISPLAYED IN SEVERAL LOCAL GALLERIES AND
3 RESTAURANTS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND OF 61 YEARS, A
4 RETIRED L.A.P.D. DEPUTY CHIEF GEORGE BECK; HER CHILDREN, CHIEF
5 CHARLIE BECK, AND DAUGHTER, MEGAN; SIX CHILDREN WHO ARE LOS
6 ANGELES POLICE OFFICERS AND ONE GREAT GRANDCHILD.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE:** ALL MEMBERS.

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10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION. SO
11 ORDERED. SUPERVISOR KNABE?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. I JUST WANTED TO ADD A
14 FEW COMMENTS ABOUT SENATOR OROPEZA. OBVIOUSLY JENNY AND I GO
15 BACK A LONG TIME TO HER SCHOOL BOARD DAYS AND EVEN PRIOR TO
16 THAT. AND BEEN A LONGTIME FRIEND AND OBVIOUSLY A VERY GENEROUS
17 INDIVIDUAL. AND SHE AND TOM, NOT ONLY FROM AN ELECTIVE
18 STANDPOINT BUT WERE SUCH AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE LONG BEACH
19 COMMUNITY. SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY US ALL. MARK
20 ELOQUENTLY STATED HER BACKGROUND AND WHAT SHE HAS DONE, BUT I
21 THINK AT THE END OF THE DAY, SHE WAS JUST TRULY A DEDICATED
22 PUBLIC SERVANT, COMMITTED, WHILE SHE HAD MANY FIRSTS, SHE
23 NEVER DID IT FOR BEING FIRST IN ANY PARTICULAR AREA. SHE DID
24 IT BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO SERVE THE PUBLIC. AND SHE WAS
25 COMMITTED TO THAT. SO WE SEND OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO TOM,



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1 TO HER MOM AND TO MANY OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. AND SHE WILL BE
2 MISSED BY US ALL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF VICKI
3 SEVERSON WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 62. SHE CAME TO LONG
4 BEACH IN 1958. SHE HAS WORKED AS A LEGAL STENOGRAPHER FOR THE
5 L.A. COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER AND SHERIFF'S OFFICES IN
6 BELLFLOWER, NORWALK AND LAKEWOOD. SHE RETIRED AFTER 24 YEARS.
7 SHE LOVED N.F.L. FOOTBALL AND BEING WITH HER FAMILY AND
8 FRIENDS. AND HER LOVE FOR N.F.L. FOOTBALL WAS BECAUSE OF MY
9 GOOD FRIEND, HER BROTHER, JEFF SEVERSON, WHO MANY OF US
10 REMEMBER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER MOTHER, VIRGINIA; SISTER,
11 SHELBY; BROTHERS, JEFF AND JERRY; AND MANY OTHER FAMILY
12 MEMBERS. I HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE WITH JUST A FEW WEEKS
13 AGO. SO SHE WILL BE SORELY MISSED. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY
14 OF NORA MCCABE, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. SHE WAS BORN
15 IN SCOTLAND AND CAME TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1948 WITH HER
16 HUSBAND, JIM. SHE WAS VERY ACTIVE IN HER CHURCH, PLAYED THE
17 PIANO AS A YOUNG CHILD. SHE ENJOYED HER FAMILY AND FRIENDS.
18 OUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS ARE WITH THE FAMILY. SHE IS SURVIVED
19 BY HER DAUGHTERS, A GOOD FRIEND OF MY WIFE AND I, ELIZABETH,
20 KATHERINE, THERESA, SHEILA; SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN, FIVE GREAT
21 GRANDCHILDREN. THE VOICES OF THOSE DAUGHTERS WITH THE MOM
22 PLAYING THE PIANO WAS SOMETHING I'LL NEVER FORGET. AND ALSO
23 JOIN JUST A BRIEF COMMENT ABOUT CHIEF BECK'S MOTHER, AS YOU
24 KNOW, LIVED IN MY DISTRICT IN SAN PEDRO, TAUGHT IN MY DISTRICT
25 IN BELLFLOWER FOR MANY YEARS. AND A GREAT LADY, A FUN LADY AND



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1 SHE'LL BE MISSED BY ALL, AS WELL. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN
2 MEMORY OF LOS ANGELES POLICE OFFICER JOSHUA CULLINS, WHO WAS
3 ALSO A HIGHLY RESPECTED MARINE STAFF SERGEANT SERVING IN THE
4 THIRD BATTALION SIXTH MARINE REGIMENT IN MARJA, WHICH IS IN
5 AFGHANISTAN'S VERY DANGEROUS PROVINCE AND WAS KILLED BY A
6 ROADSIDE BOMB. HE WAS 28 YEARS OF AGE. IT'S A GREAT LOSS FOR
7 THE L.A.P.D. AND FOR EVERYONE WHO KNEW HIM AND WITNESSED HIS
8 COMMITMENT TO UPHOLDING HIS DUTY AND HONOR AS A POLICE OFFICER
9 FOR THE L.A.P.D. WELL AS A MARINE. HE SURVIVED THAT FIRST
10 BLAST A FEW -- A YEAR OR SO AGO IN HIS FIRST TOUR AND WAS VERY
11 UNFORTUNATE THIS TIME. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS PARENTS, JIM AND
12 BARBARA CULLINS; AND BROTHERS, COOPER AND DONOVAN. AND I WOULD
13 SAY ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF RONALD
14 KROEZE, WHO WAS BORN IN LONG BEACH, RAISED IN PARAMOUNT.
15 PASSED AWAY YOUNG AGE OF 62. HE WAS A GRADUATE OF VALLEY
16 CHRISTIAN HIGH SCHOOL. HE RETIRED FROM PAC BELL TO BECOME A
17 FINANCIAL PLANNER AND TAX ACCOUNTANT. HE FOUNDED KROEZE
18 FINANCE AND MANAGEMENT IN SAN CLEMENT. HIS PASSION WAS ALWAYS
19 BEING INVOLVED IN HELPING OTHERS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS
20 CHILDREN, SHAWNA AND JEFF; HIS MOTHER, NETTA; AND SIBLINGS AND
21 A LOT OF FRIENDS. AND THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SECOND WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO
24 ORDERED. I'D ALSO LIKE TO MOVE IN MEMORY OF VICTOR "SUNNY"
25 BEECHER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE WAS INVOLVED IN



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1 THE CROATIAN COMMUNITY. HE WAS INVOLVED IN THE UNDERGROUND
2 CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY. DONALD EDWARD BOGGS, WORKED AS A
3 METEOROLOGIST FOR THE NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE. RETIRED FROM
4 THE AIR ROUTE TRAFFIC CONTROL CENTER IN PALMDALE. JOHN DE
5 WOLFE, SERVED IN THE UNITED STATES NAVY, ESTABLISHED THE DE
6 WOLFE LUMBER AND HARDWARE IN QUARTZ HILL. HOWARD HILL, HE WAS
7 THE PAST PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF ZERO CORPORATION, ACTIVE IN
8 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. PENNY LYNN LANE, SHE WAS THE PRINCIPAL
9 LEGAL SECRETARY AND PRINCIPAL SECRETARY AND SPECIAL ED
10 INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE THROUGHOUT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY. LONGTIME
11 BOARD MEMBER OF THE PARK VIEW LITTLE LEAGUE. AMELIA MENDOZA OF
12 WEST COVINA, CERTIFIED NURSE. WORKED ASSISTANT AT THE
13 HUNTINGTON HOSPITAL IN PASADENA. STANLEY ALLEN MOE. HE WAS ONE
14 OF THE FOUNDERS OF DANIEL, MANN, JOHNSON, MENDENHALL (DMJM),
15 ONE OF THE WORLD'S LARGEST ARCHITECTURAL PLANNING ENGINEERING
16 FIRMS. ALSO THE PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR THE SPACE SHUTTLE
17 ASSEMBLY FACILITY AT THE KENNEDY SPACE CENTER. EDIE NORRIS
18 PASSED AWAY. A LONGTIME GIRL SCOUT VOLUNTEER, PROGRAM DIRECTOR
19 FOR THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE PROGRAM AT THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY'S
20 Y.W.C.A. MICHAEL NICHOLAS SALMUNOVICH, ACTIVE IN THE CROATIAN
21 COMMUNITY, A MEMBER OF THE DIRECTORS GUILD OF AMERICA AND
22 SERVED IN WORLD WAR II AND WAS WITH THE UNITED STATES NAVY.
23 GEORGE M. SCOTT, WHO WAS AN EDUCATOR, ATHLETIC DIRECTOR,
24 ADMINISTRATOR WITH THE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, AND
25 SERVED ON THE PASADENA SERVICE FEDERAL CREDIT UNION



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1 SUPERVISORIAL COMMITTEE AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS. AND BOB ZACKY
2 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 78. HE MANAGED A POULTRY MARKET ON
3 GARVEY AVENUE WITH HIS FATHER IN MONTEREY PARK. FROM THERE,
4 BOB FOUNDED THE IDEA THAT HEALTHIER FOOD IS BETTER AND THEN
5 DEVELOPED ZACKY FARM CHICKENS, WHICH IS AN ORGANIC, NATURAL
6 FEED, NO CHEMICAL, ANTIBIOTIC CHICKENS THAT ARE BEING SOLD ON
7 ONE OF THE NATIONAL POULTRY INDUSTRIES IN THE NATION. HE IS
8 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 54 YEARS, LILLIAN. SECOND BY
9 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. I'VE
10 BEEN ADVISED THAT MISS WATANABE IS READY TO COME BACK WITH THE
11 INFORMATION BEING REQUESTED. AND SUPERVISOR THOMAS?

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIR. WE JUST SIMPLY WANT
14 TO CAUSE THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER TO GIVE HER VIEW OF THE MATTER
15 BEFORE US. I UNDERSTAND IT IS NOT UNUSUAL FOR SUCH VETTING TO
16 TAKE PLACE. AND YOUR RESPONSE TO THE EARLIER QUESTION IN TERMS
17 OF THE VALIDITY OF THE METHODOLOGY AND WHETHER OR NOT YOU
18 THINK THE DEPARTMENT DID WHAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO DO IN THE
19 PROPER MANNER WITH RESPECT TO THE CALCULATION OF FEES THAT ARE
20 PROPOSED.

21

22 **WENDY WATANABE:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AGAIN, WENDY WATANABE,
23 THE AUDITOR-CONTROLLER. OUR DEPARTMENT DID REVIEW THE FEE
24 PROPOSAL BY THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. AND IT WAS DONE BY RICK
25 VANDENBERG, SITTING HERE, FROM OUR ACCOUNTING DIVISION, COST



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1 ACCOUNTING GROUP. THERE WERE THREE PRIMARY REASONS FOR THE FEE
2 INCREASE. THE BIG PART OF IT IS IT IS DUE TO MORE STAFFING
3 INVOLVED. AND IT COMPOSED OF SALARY, OVERHEAD AND EMPLOYEE
4 BENEFIT. AND THIS IS FOR THE FULL COST RECOVERY OF THE
5 PROGRAM. AND SECOND REASON WAS THAT THERE HASN'T BEEN A FEE
6 INCREASE SINCE 2006/'07. AND THEN THE THIRD REASON IS THAT THE
7 OLD FEE WAS PROBABLY UNDER THE COST RECOVERY RATE. SO THE RATE
8 BEFORE, IN 2006, WAS LOW. AND THEREFORE THE PER-ITEM INCREASE
9 TO US, IT IS REASONABLE.

10

11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.
12 CHAIRMAN, MS. WATANABE. I SIMPLY WANTED TO HEAR YET ANOTHER
13 VOICE THAT GAVE US SOME CLARITY OR SOME CONFIDENCE THAT THIS
14 IS A REASONABLE WAY TO PROCEED. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** I WOULD JUST ADD THAT WHILE YOU'VE REVIEWED IT AND
17 YOU SAID THE MAJORITY OF THAT WAS DUE TO STAFFING, THE ISSUE
18 BEING, THAT AGAIN AS IT RELATES TO STAFFING, WHETHER YOU COULD
19 HAVE IMPLEMENTED SPOT CHECKS FOUR YEARS AGO OR THREE YEARS AGO
20 OR TWO YEARS AGO, OBVIOUSLY THE STAFFING ISSUE MAY HAVE
21 CHANGED. SO WE'RE LEFT WITH WHAT WE ARE. AND THAT MAY CHANGE
22 NOW BECAUSE OF THEIR AGREEMENT TO IMPLEMENT SPOT CHECKING.

23

24 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** SUPERVISOR, MR. CHAIRMAN, IF I MAY.
25 JUST TO CLARIFY ONCE AGAIN, THE FEES ARE RELATED TO THE COSTS



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1 OF STAFF TO REVIEW, TO INSPECT FOR THE ISSUANCE OF THE FEES.
2 THE SPOT CHECK PROGRAM HAS TO DO WITH THE AFTER-PERMIT COSTS
3 OF MONITORING THE ACTUAL PRODUCTION. AND SO THE SPOT CHECK
4 PROGRAM IS REALLY NOT AIMED AT THE FEE STRUCTURE OR THE FEES
5 THEMSELVES; IT'S AIMED AT WHAT IS REQUIRED IN TERMS OF A FIRE
6 SAFETY ADVISER BEING ON SCENE DURING THE PRODUCTION WITH AN
7 HOURLY COST THAT IS PAID BY THE FILM INDUSTRY SEPARATE AND
8 APART FROM THE FEES THEMSELVES.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR?

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME ADD TO MY AMENDMENT THAT AFTER THE
13 FEE IS IMPLEMENTED AND THE SPOT CHECK PROGRAM IS IMPLEMENTED,
14 BECAUSE THE TWO ARE TIED TOGETHER, THAT SIX MONTHS AFTER THE
15 FEE GOES INTO EFFECT, THAT THE FIRE DEPARTMENT, THE AUDITOR-
16 CONTROLLER, BRING BACK AN ANALYSIS OF STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS
17 THAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE AS A RESULT OF THE CHANGES THAT HAVE
18 BEEN MADE. THAT WOULD INCLUDE EVEN THE COLLECTIONS FROM
19 CONTRACTS, FROM FILMING TAKING PLACE IN CONTRACT CITIES IF
20 THAT SHOULD HAPPEN. BECAUSE IF IT'S POSSIBLE TO REDUCE THE FEE
21 AT THAT POINT, WE OUGHT TO DO THAT. I'M SURE IT'S POSSIBLE
22 BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT EVEN RECOVERING 100 PERCENT OF IT UNDER THE
23 NEW FEE. BUT IF IT IS POSSIBLE, WE OUGHT TO TAKE A LOOK AT
24 THAT SO THAT WE'RE NOT JUST LOCKED IN AUTOMATICALLY. SO THAT
25 WOULD BE JUST A CLARIFICATION OR AN ADDITION.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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4 **SUP. KNABE:** JUST A CLARIFICATION, THEN. YOUR ORIGINAL
5 AMENDMENT WAS TO SUPPORT THE FEE INCREASE NOT IMMEDIATELY, BUT
6 AT SUCH TIME AS THEY IMPLEMENT THE SPOT CHECK, IS THAT
7 CORRECT?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YEAH, THE FEE WOULD GO INTO EFFECT
10 CONTINGENT ON THE -- CONTINGENT ON AT THE SAME TIME THAT THE
11 SPOT CHECK PROGRAM WENT INTO EFFECT. THAT'S ESTIMATED TO BE
12 JANUARY 1. UNTIL THEY HAVE A SPOT CHECK PROGRAM IN PLACE, THE
13 FEE INCREASE DOESN'T GO INTO EFFECT.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE:** AND THEN THEY'LL REPORT BACK IN SIX MONTHS.

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17 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SIX MONTHS FROM LET'S SAY JULY 1ST. SIX
18 MONTHS FROM THE EFFECTIVE DATE.

19

20 **SUP. KNABE:** FROM THE ACTUAL IMPLEMENTATION OF BOTH PROGRAMS?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS AMENDED, MR. CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AS AMENDED. I WOULD ALSO
2 INCLUDE THAT THE FIRE CHIEF BE DIRECTED TO WORK WITH THE
3 C.E.O. TO IMPLEMENT THE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT COLLECTION SYSTEM
4 FOR FILM PERMIT FEES WITHIN 60 DAYS. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR,
5 MOTION KNABE AND AS MODIFIED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY,
6 SECONDED WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

7

8 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** MAY I ASK A QUESTION? IN TERMS OF THE
9 ORDINANCE ITSELF, ARE YOU AMENDING THE ORDINANCE ITSELF FOR
10 THIS CONTINGENCY PROVISION? YOU WANT THE ORDINANCE?

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** YES.

13

14 **ANDREA ORDIN:** SO THAT WE WOULD RETURN WITH THE EXACT LANGUAGE
15 AT A DATE CERTAIN WITHOUT RENOTICING?

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** YES.

18

19 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I DON'T THINK SO. AND THEN THE ADDITIONAL MOTION
20 IS PROBABLY JUST A MOTION OF INSTRUCTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY, TO DIRECT, RIGHT. WITH
23 THAT UNDERSTANDING, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

24



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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DID WE HAVE THE ORDINANCE ACTUALLY BEFORE US
2 TODAY?

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4 **ANDREA ORDIN:** YES.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** SO THIS IS GOING TO --

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8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** HAVE TO COME BACK.

9

10 **ANDREA ORDIN:** WE'VE HAD IT NOTICED. YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED THE
11 DOLLAR FIGURES OR THE MONEY. SO YOU REALLY HAVE NOT CHANGED
12 THE PURPOSE OF THE ORDINANCE OR THE DETAILS OF THE ORDINANCE
13 EXCEPT TO ADD THIS CONTINGENCY FACTOR.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO COULDN'T WE -- COULDN'T YOU, WHILE WE ARE
16 IN CLOSED SESSION, INTER-DELINEATE OR WHATEVER YOU CALL IT,
17 THAT CONTINGENCY INTO THE ORDINANCE SO THAT WE COULD APPROVE
18 AT LEAST ON FIRST READING TODAY?

19

20 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I THINK WE COULD. IF WE JUST PUT IT OVER TO NEXT
21 MEETING DATE CERTAIN WITH THE ACTUAL LANGUAGE, I THINK WE'D BE
22 BETTER OFF.

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1 **SUP. KNABE:** BUT IT'S NOT DATE CERTAIN. BECAUSE ZEV INDICATED
2 THAT IF THE SPOT CHECK DOESN'T TAKE EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 1ST,
3 THEN THE FEE INCREASE DOESN'T GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL MARCH 1ST.

4

5 **ANDREA ORDIN:** THAT'S RIGHT. AND SO WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THAT
6 SPECIFIC LANGUAGE INTERLINEATED INTO THE ORDINANCE. AND THEN
7 HAVE IT NEXT WEEK, A DATE CERTAIN, ON THE CONSENT CALENDAR.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY ONLY CONCERN IS THAT THE NEXT WEEK'S
10 CERTAIN IS THE DAY AFTER THE ELECTION AND THE LANDSCAPE MAY
11 CHANGE. WE DON'T KNOW THAT. SO I WAS JUST TRYING TO AVOID THAT
12 SITUATION IF WE COULD TAKE CARE OF IT TODAY.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ISN'T IT THE CASE THAT WHAT WE HAVE
15 EFFECTIVELY DONE IS JUST PUSHED THE IMPLEMENTATION
16 APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS. AND THAT IS MATERIAL CONSEQUENCE
17 THAT IS BEING ACHIEVED HERE. AND ESSENTIALLY SUGGESTED THAT
18 THE INSPECTION OF THE CHECKS BE THE DRIVER, IN SOME RESPECTS.
19 BUT ULTIMATELY THE IMPLEMENTATION OR THE ACTUALIZATION OF THE
20 ORDINANCE HAPPENS IN APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS.

21

22 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I DO BELIEVE THAT'S RIGHT.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHY IS THAT? WHY SIX MONTHS?

25



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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MARCH.

2

3 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU MEAN THE FEE ORDINANCE?

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** WE DON'T KNOW. WE DON'T KNOW UNTIL THE SPOT CHECK
6 IS IN EFFECT.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT COULD BE JANUARY 1.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, BUT IF YOU SET AN OUTSIDE DATE.

11

12 **ANDREA ORDIN:** I DON'T KNOW FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT WHAT YOU
13 THINK IS THE TIMING.

14

15 **P. MICHAEL FREEMAN, CHIEF:** MR. CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD,
16 THE PROPOSAL IS ANY FEE INCREASE WOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE NEW
17 FIRE CODE, WHICH WOULD BE ADOPTED FOR A JANUARY 1ST
18 IMPLEMENTATION DATE. UNDERSTANDING THE DIRECTION FROM YOUR
19 BOARD TODAY, WHAT WE WOULD DO IS THAT WE WOULD WORK POSTHASTE
20 WITH THE INDUSTRY TO IMPLEMENT THE SPOT CHECK PROGRAM AND HAVE
21 THAT ON RECORD AND BACK TO YOU SO THAT YOU ARE AWARE THAT WE
22 HAVE ACCOMPLISHED THAT AND DO THAT IN TIME SO THAT THE FEE
23 INCREASES WOULD BE IN THE FIRE CODE, WHICH WOULD BE ADOPTED IN
24 JANUARY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THEN HOW ABOUT THIS? WE COULD APPROVE THE
2 ORDINANCE TODAY. INSTRUCT YOU TO COME BACK TO US AT THE FIRST
3 MEETING IN DECEMBER WITH A REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE
4 SPOT CHECK PROGRAM. AND IF IT'S NOT GOING TO BE IMPLEMENTED --
5 I DON'T EVEN WANT TO DO THAT. THAT'S A LOUSY IDEA. I THINK THE
6 THING TO DO IS TO HAVE YOU INTERLINEATE THIS CONTINGENCY. IF
7 SHE CAN BRING IT BACK AFTER OUR CLOSED SESSION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** LET'S SEE HOW FAST YOU CAN
10 WORK. IF YOU CAN BRING IT BACK AFTER CLOSED SESSION, WE'LL DO
11 IT. IF NOT, THEN NEXT WEDNESDAY.

12

13 **ANDREA ORDIN:** ALL RIGHT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY.

16

17 **ANDREA ORDIN:** THAT'S FINE. WE'LL TRY TO DO IT AT THAT TIME.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WE SAW HOW FAST WENDY WORKED,
20 WE KNOW YOU CAN WORK FASTER. HOW'S THAT. WE'LL HAVE A
21 COMPETITION.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** FRIENDLY.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU.



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2 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** PUBLIC HEARING OR COMMENTS.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY FROM THE FIRE DEPARTMENT
5 SHOULD PROBABLY HANG AROUND AND WORK WITH THE, WHOEVER THE
6 COUNTY COUNSEL'S GOING TO BE WHO IS GOING TO ACTUALLY DO THE
7 WRITING, BECAUSE THE NOMENCLATURE MAY BE UNIQUE AND YOU GUYS
8 MAY HAVE TO HELP. SO SOMEBODY --

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. WE HAVE VERONICA GARCIA,
11 DAVID SERRANO, WALTER BECKTEL JOHN WALSH. JUST GIVE YOUR NAME
12 BEFORE YOU TESTIFY.

13

14 **DAVID SERRANO:** MY NAME IS DAVID SERRANO. IN THE NAME OF THE
15 FATHER AND OF THE SON AND OF THE HOLY SPIRIT, AMEN. THE LORD
16 OUR GOD IS ONE GOD ALMIGHTY, AMEN. JESUS CHRIST IS GOD, THE
17 ALMIGHTY, AMEN. THE HOLY BIBLE IS THE GOSPEL TRUTH. THE HOLY
18 BIBLE IS THE TRUE GOSPEL, AMEN. EVERYTHING IS HAPPENING THE
19 WAY THE HOLY BIBLE PROPHESED, AMEN. AS AN EXAMPLE, AFTER
20 NEARLY 2,000 YEARS OF EXILE, THE JEWS RETURNED TO THE HOLY
21 LAND AND IN 1948, THE STATE OF ISRAEL WAS RE-ESTABLISHED, AS
22 I'M SURE YOU WELL KNOW. FURTHERMORE, ANOTHER SIGN OF THE TIMES
23 IS SADDAM HUSSEIN AL TAKRETIE. SADDAM HUSSEIN AL TAKRETIE SAID
24 HE WAS THE REINCARNATION OF KING NEBUCHADNEZZAR WHO RULED FROM
25 BABYLON IN BIBLICAL TIMES. HE ACTUALLY REBUILT A NEW BABYLON



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1 ON THE RUINS OF ANCIENT BABYLON IN IRAQ. AND EVERY ONE OF THE
2 BRICKS HE HAD STAMPED WITH HIS NAME REBUILT DURING THE REIGN
3 OF SADDAM HUSSEIN. FURTHERMORE, AFTER THE 2003 INVASION OF
4 IRAQ, THEY ALLOWED THE MARSHLANDS OF SOUTHERN IRAQ TO RECOVER.
5 BUT THOSE MARSH LANDS NOW IN 2010, THEY'RE DRYING UP FAST.
6 ONCE AGAIN, THEY'RE DRYING UP REAL FAST. AND NOT ONLY THAT,
7 BUT BECAUSE OF DAMS AND WATER MISMANAGEMENT AND BECAUSE OF A
8 PROLONGED DROUGHT, THE EUPHRATES RIVER IS DRYING UP REALLY
9 QUICK AND IT'S DRYING UP FAST. IT'S DRYING UP REAL FAST.
10 EVERYTHING IS HAPPENING THE WAY THE HOLY BIBLE PROPHESED. LOS
11 ANGELES COUNTY, MUCH OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, HUGE AREAS OF LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY, ARE GOING TO BE DESTROYED IN AN APOCALYPTIC
13 EARTHQUAKE AND IT IS PROPHESED IN THE HOLY BIBLE. MUCH OF SAN
14 BERNARDINO IS ALSO GOING TO BE DESTROYED IN THIS SAME
15 EARTHQUAKE. ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT, AMEN. IN THE HOLY BIBLE,
16 THE APOCALYPSE PROPHESED THAT IN THE MONTH OF MAY THE BIGGEST
17 EARTHQUAKE SINCE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN ON EARTH WILL HAPPEN IN LOS
18 ANGELES COUNTY ON THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT. THE HOLY BIBLICAL
19 PROPHECY ABOUT THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE IN L.A. COUNTY IN
20 MAY IS APOCALYPSE 8 TO 8:6, 10 TO 10:11 11:15 TO 11:16, 16:17
21 TO 16:21 THEN 6:12 TO 6:17. THESE ARE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIPTIONS
22 OF THE SAME EVENT. WHILE COLLECTIVELY THEY DESCRIBE THIS
23 CATASTROPHIC EVENT IN ITS ENTIRETY, APOCALYPSE 8 PROPHESED
24 "WHEN THE LAMB OPENED THE SEVENTH SEAL THERE WAS SILENCE IN
25 HEAVEN FOR ABOUT HALF AN HOUR." ON THE FACE OF A CLOCK THERE



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1 ARE 12 HOURS. THERE ARE 12 MONTHS IN A YEAR. ABOUT HALF AN
2 HOUR IS THE MINUTE HAND ON THE FIVE. MAY IS THE FIFTH MONTH.
3 AND WHEN THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS IN MAY, THERE WILL
4 BE A GIANT STORM OVER SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA THAT WILL DROP HEAVY
5 HAIL. AND WHEN THE APOCALYPTIC EARTHQUAKE HAPPENS ON THE SAN
6 ANDREAS FAULT IN MAY, THERE WILL BE MANY METERS OF HORIZONTAL
7 DISPLACEMENT. THUS THE THE SAN GABRIEL, SAN BERNADINO AND
8 SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS WILL BE MOVED OUT OF PLACE AND THE
9 ISLANDS OFF THE SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COAST WILL BE MOVED OUT OF
10 PLACE. AND THERE WILL BE CATAclySMIC LANDSLIDES THROUGHOUT THE
11 SAN SANTA MONICA, SAN GABRIEL AND SAN BERNARDINO MOUNTAINS.
12 AMEN. IT'S COMING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** AMEN TO YOU. THANK YOU. OKAY,
15 OKAY. YES, SIR.

16

17 **RAPHAEL LIEB:** THANK YOU. THIS IS VERONICA GARCIA AND MY NAME
18 IS RAPHAEL LIEB. I'M HER UNION REPRESENTATIVE I'LL BE
19 TRANSLATING FOR HER.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY.

22

23 **VERONICA GARCIA:** (SPEAKS SPANISH).

24



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1 **RAPHAEL LIEB (TRANSLATING)**: MY NAME IS VERONICA GARCIA. I HAVE
2 WORKED FOR 22 YEARS AS A JANITOR AT U.C.L.A. HARBOR MEDICAL
3 CENTER. TODAY I'M SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF 450 UNION JANITORS WHO
4 CLEAN L.A. COUNTY HEALTH FACILITIES EVERY DAY AND EVERY NIGHT.
5 THE CLEANING SERVICES THAT WE PROVIDE FOR THE COUNTY ARE
6 CRITICAL FOR BOTH PATIENT AND PUBLIC SAFETY. WE ARE
7 RESPONSIBLE FOR DISINFECTING PATIENT ROOMS, SURGERY AREAS,
8 LOBBIES AND PUBLIC CAFETERIAS, WHICH ARE USED EVERY DAY BY
9 RESIDENTS OF L.A. COUNTY. DESPITE THE IMPORTANCE OF OUR WORK,
10 MY COWORKERS AND I STILL STRUGGLE EVERY MONTH TO MAKE ENDS
11 MEET AT HOME. AFTER 22 YEARS OF WORKING FOR THIS COUNTY, I'M
12 ONLY PAID \$11.11 AN HOUR, WHICH IS NOT ENOUGH TO SUPPORT
13 MYSELF AND MY TWO GRANDCHILDREN. AFTER PAYING \$1200 A MONTH
14 FOR RENT, THEN OTHER BILLS, GAS, FOOD AND BUYING THINGS FOR MY
15 GRANDKIDS, SOMETIMES I'M LEFT WITH AS LITTLE AS \$5 IN MY BANK
16 ACCOUNT. THE COST OF LIVING CONTINUES TO RISE, AND THOSE OF US
17 WHO WORK FOR THE COUNTY ARE LEFT LIVING IN POVERTY. MAY I HAVE
18 A FEW MORE SECONDS TO TRANSLATE THAT, PLEASE?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM**: YES.

21

22 **RAPHAEL LIEB (TRANSLATING)**: JANITORS WHO WORK FOR PRIVATE
23 COMPANIES JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM HERE MAKE 13.50 AN HOUR
24 WITH FULL FAMILY HEALTHCARE AND BENEFITS. THEIR WAGES ARE FAR
25 ABOVE THE COUNTY'S OWN LIVING WAGE POLICY. WHY IS IT THAT



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1 PRIVATE COMPANIES HOLD A HIGHER STANDARD FOR THEIR WORKERS
2 THAN THE COUNTY DOES? THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. OKAY. JOHN WALSH,
5 LINDA CARABALLO, MICHAEL GARCIA, MARIANO MORATAYA?

6

7 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG. WE
8 HAVE 80,000 SUCCESSFUL SERVER REQUESTS A MONTH, 1 MILLION A
9 YEAR. I'D LIKE TO FIRST POINT OUT -- I'D LIKE TO SAY HELLO, A
10 BIG SHOUT OUT TO MY BROTHERS AND SISTERS AT S.E.I.U. OUT HERE.
11 FIRST TIME I JOINED THE LABOR UNION -- [APPLAUSE.] I JOINED MY
12 FIRST LABOR UNION IN 1977, BEFORE YOU WERE BORN. NUMBER TWO,
13 I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT THE CAPTIONING IS VERY GOOD. YOU KNOW,
14 AT THE COUNTY, THE CAPTIONING IS DONE IN TEXAS. IT'S
15 OUTSOURCED. A LOT OF PEOPLE DON'T KNOW THAT. AS FAR AS THE
16 PUBLIC COMMENT RULES HERE, THEY'RE EXCELLENT. THEY CONCERN
17 UNRULY BEHAVIOR, WHICH INTERRUPTS THE MEETING. AT M.T.A., YOU
18 ARE STOPPED IF YOU ARE IN ANY WAY INSULT, IF THEY THINK
19 THEY'RE INSULTED. INCIDENTALLY, I SAID THAT THE ACTIONS OF THE
20 M.T.A. BOARD WERE LIKE NAZIS AND THIS GENTLEMAN OVER HERE, DON
21 KNABE WHO IS A GERMAN AMERICAN, AND I'M A JEW ALTHOUGH I DON'T
22 HAVE WHAT YOU CONSIDER A JEWISH NAME. HE THREATENED TO THROW
23 ME OUT AND BAN ME FROM SPEAKING. I WANT YOU TO KNOW, MR.
24 KNABE, THAT THE MURPHIES FOUGHT IN THE REVOLUTIONARY WAR. NOW,
25 I KNOW THIS GENTLEMAN OVER HERE, MR. ROBERT LEE THOMAS, HE WAS



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1 KIDNAPPED. HIS PROGENITORS WERE KIDNAPPED AND ENSLAVED. THE
2 REST OF YOU UP HERE, MY RELATIVES, THEIR JOB WAS TO ALLOW ME
3 TO INSULT YOU THE WAY THEY INSULTED THE KING OF -- KING
4 GEORGE. AND I WILL NOT ALLOW YOU TO DEFECATE ON THE FIRST
5 AMENDMENT, WHICH IS WHAT YOU'RE DOING OVER AT CITY COUNCIL
6 BECAUSE AT M.T.A., THERE ARE NO CAMERAS AT M.T.A. THEY CAN GET
7 AWAY. YOU OUT THERE ARE PROTECTING ME. YOU, THE PUBLIC, ARE
8 PROTECTING ME. I'D LIKE TO POINT OUT IF YOU GO TO -- AND
9 PEOPLE SAY "OH, JOHN WALSH, YOU'RE JUST A PUNK FOR THE
10 DEMOCRATS." STEVEN GLAZER, THE GENERAL MANAGER OF BROWN'S
11 CAMPAIGN, GO TO OUR WEBSITE, IS THE PERSON WHO USED THE WORD
12 "WHORE" TO DESCRIBE MEG WHITMAN. THEN THEY SAY "JOHN, YOU'RE
13 JUST A WHORE FOR THE REPUBLICANS." OKAY. GRIFF HARSH THE
14 FIFTH. YOU'VE SEEN HIS PICTURE AS A CHILD IN MEG WHITMAN'S
15 ADS. HE'S AN ADULT. WE HAVE HIS ARREST RECORD OUR WEBSITE. SHE
16 LIED AND SAID HE WAS NEVER ARRESTED. AND GUESS WHAT HE WAS
17 ARRESTED FOR? BEATING UP HIS GIRLFRIEND AND BREAKING HER FOOT.
18 AND GUESS WHAT HIS GIRLFRIEND WAS? A MEXICAN AMERICAN. YOU SEE
19 IT NO PLACE EXCEPT ON OUR WEBSITE. COME TO OUR WEBSITE.
20 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG AND FIND OUT WHAT'S HAPPENING AND WHY
21 THEY'RE TRYING TO TAKE MY SPEECH AWAY FROM ME, MY FREE SPEECH.
22 -- [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** YES, SIR.

25



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1 **SUP. KNABE:** FUN TO FOLLOW THAT.

2

3 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** ARE YOU GOING TO SPEAK?

4

5 **MARIANO MORATAYA:** (SPEAKS SPANISH)

6

7 **SPEAKER (TRANSLATING):** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARIANO
8 MORATAYA. I'M SPEAKING TO YOU TODAY BECAUSE IT IS MY
9 UNDERSTANDING THAT L.A. COUNTY'S DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES
10 IS INTERESTED IN CONTRACTING WITH THE COMPANY SEDEXO. I HAVE
11 WORKED FOR THREE YEARS FOR SEDEXO AS A HOUSEKEEPER IN A LOCAL
12 HOSPITAL IN LOS ANGELES. THIS PAST AUGUST, I SPOKE TO YOU ALL
13 ABOUT MY CONCERNS ABOUT THE COMPANY'S FAILURE TO PROPERLY
14 TRAIN ITS WORKERS PROTECT THEM FROM EXPOSURE TO HOSPITAL-
15 ACQUIRED ILLNESS. MY EXPERIENCE WITH A BLOOD BAG THAT EXPLODED
16 IN A TRASH COMPACTOR AND SPRAYED ME WITH BLOOD HAVE MADE ME
17 REALIZE THE RISKS THAT WE TAKE AS HOUSEKEEPERS EVERY SINGLE
18 DAY. IT ALSO MADE ME THINK ABOUT THE ROLE THAT OUR EMPLOYER
19 MUST TAKE TO HELP PROTECT US ON THE JOB. MY COWORKERS AND I
20 HAVE JOINED WITH THOUSANDS OF SEDEXO WORKERS NATIONWIDE TO
21 FIGHT FOR BETTER WORKING CONDITIONS, PROPER TRAINING, LIVABLE
22 WAGES AND AFFORDABLE HEALTHCARE. SINCE I LAST TESTIFIED,
23 SEDEXO WORKERS FROM STATES LIKE MASSACHUSETTS, OHIO,
24 PENNSYLVANIA AND RIGHT HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAVE GONE ON
25 STRIKE TO PROTEST THE COMPANY'S UNFAIR AND ILLEGAL ATTEMPTS TO



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1 DISSUADE US FROM FORMING A UNION AND TO RAISE OURSELVES OUT OF
2 POVERTY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE
3 YET FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' CONTRACT. AS BOTH A
4 WORKER AND RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY, I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE
5 BOARD TO ENSURE THAT YOU SELECT A CONTRACTOR THAT PROVIDES
6 QUALITY SERVICES AND CREATES QUALITY JOBS FOR L.A. RESIDENTS.
7 I TRULY HOPE THAT YOU TAKE MY TESTIMONY INTO CONSIDERATION
8 WHEN MAKING YOUR FINAL DECISION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** YES, SIR.

11

12 **MIKE GARCIA:** GOOD AFTERNOON. I'M MIKE GARCIA. I'M THE
13 PRESIDENT OF S.E.I.U. UNITED SERVICE WORKERS WEST. WE'RE A
14 UNIT OF 40,000 SERVICE WORKERS, MOSTLY CONTRACTED OUT WORKERS
15 ACROSS CALIFORNIA. I'M HERE TODAY WITH THREE OF OUR MEMBERS, A
16 SECURITY OFFICER WHO PROTECTS COUNTY BUILDINGS, A JANITOR WHO
17 CLEANS A COUNTY MEDICAL FACILITY, AND A HOUSEKEEPER WHO WORKS
18 FOR CONTRACTOR SEDEXO IN A LOCAL HOSPITAL. THESE WORKERS
19 REPRESENT AND WORK WITHIN THE UNDERCLASS OF THE COUNTY
20 EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM, WHICH IS TRULY TWO WORLDS. ONE OF LIVING
21 WAGES AND BENEFITS, PENSIONS AND A FUTURE AND ONE THAT
22 PROMOTES RAPID TURNOVER, UNBENEFITTED AND LOW WAGES. WE ARE
23 HERE TODAY BECAUSE WE'RE CONCERNED. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT SOME
24 SERIOUS PROBLEMS AT COUNTY FACILITIES. WE'RE CONCERNED ABOUT
25 PUBLIC SAFETY. WHEN SECURITY OFFICERS WHO PROTECT THE PUBLIC



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1 AND THE STAFF WHO VISIT AND WORK IN COUNTY BUILDINGS ARE NOT
2 GIVEN ADEQUATE TRAINING TO DO THEIR JOBS, IT SHOULD MAKE ALL
3 OF US WORRY. WHEN FOOD SERVICE WORKERS AND JANITORS REPORT
4 UNCLEAN AND UNSAFE CONDITIONS IN KITCHENS AND IN HEALTH
5 FACILITIES, WE SHOULD ALL BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION. WE'RE
6 CONCERNED ABOUT THE MISTREATMENT OF WORKERS AT COUNTY
7 FACILITIES. THE COUNTY IS CONTRACTING WITH SERVICE PROVIDERS
8 LIKE SECURITAS AND SEDEXO, BOTH OF WHOM HAVE PROVEN HISTORIES
9 OF ILLEGAL MISTREATMENT OF ITS WORKERS. IN 2005, SEDEXO AGREED
10 TO PAY \$80 MILLION TO SETTLE A RACE BIAS SUIT FILED BY
11 THOUSANDS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN EMPLOYEES. AND IN 2007, THEY
12 AGREED TO PAY \$788,000 IN BACK WAGES TO SETTLE FINDINGS THAT
13 THEY ENGAGED IN HIRING DISCRIMINATION AGAINST MINORITY
14 APPLICANTS. SECURITAS HAS A PATTERN OF WAGE AND THEFT
15 VIOLATIONS INCLUDING FAILURE TO MEET LIVING WAGE STANDARDS AND
16 VIOLATIONS OF MEAL AND REST REQUIREMENTS. WE'RE CONCERNED THAT
17 HIDDEN COSTS AND POTENTIAL LEGAL LIABILITIES THAT COME WITH
18 CERTAIN CONTRACTORS THAT THE COUNTY DEALS WITH. IN JULY OF
19 THIS YEAR, SEDEXO WAS SHOWN TO HAVE OVER CHARGED 21 NEW YORK
20 PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS BY RECEIVING REBATES FROM SUPPLIERS
21 WITHOUT PASSING THE SAVINGS ON TO THE SCHOOLS. THE COMPANY
22 PAID \$20 MILLION IN THE SETTLEMENT. THEY'RE CURRENTLY BEING
23 INVESTIGATED FOR SIMILAR PRACTICES, AND NEW JERSEY AND OTHER
24 STATES ARE CONSIDERING WHETHER THEY SHOULD OPEN
25 INVESTIGATIONS, AS WELL. MY QUESTION FOR YOU: WHAT IS THE



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1 MECHANISM THAT THE COUNTY CAN UTILIZE AND SHOULD UTILIZE TO
2 MAKE SURE THAT TAXPAYERS ARE NOT BEING RIPPED OFF WITH THIS
3 KIND OF PRACTICE THAT SEDEXO HAS DONE IN OTHER STATES? WE ARE
4 HERE TODAY BECAUSE IT'S TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO PAY ATTENTION
5 TO THESE PROBLEMS. THESE ARE PROBLEMS THAT AFFECT THE SAFETY
6 OF THE PUBLIC, THAT AFFECT THE FAIR TREATMENT OF WORKERS AT
7 THE COUNTY AND AFFECT HOW TAXPAYER DOLLARS ARE SPENT. WE HOPE
8 YOU WILL JOIN US IN WORKING TO FIX THESE PROBLEMS BECAUSE
9 WE'RE NOT GOING TO LET IT GO. S.E.I.U., U.S.W.W. IS COMMITTED
10 TO SHINE THE LIGHT ON THESE ISSUES AND THE PLIGHT OF THESE
11 WORKERS AND WE WILL CONTINUE TO SHINE THE LIGHT ON THESE
12 WORKERS AND THESE PROBLEMS UNTIL JUSTICE IS WON. THANK YOU
13 VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** STEVEN BROOKS, STEVEN BROOKS,
16 BOBBY COOPER, LEONARD ROSE, YES, MA'AM.

17

18 **LINDA CARABALLO:** MY NAME IS LINDA GAVAR CARABALLO, AND I'M
19 HERE TO TALK ABOUT A SUBJECT THAT IS NOT RELATED TO ANYTHING
20 THAT'S BEFORE YOU TODAY. I'M HERE TO ADDRESS AN ISSUE THAT IS
21 BROUGHT TO MY ATTENTION. MR. KNABE, YOU KNOW YOU HAVE NAME
22 RECOGNITION FOR MANY, MANY YEARS. I'VE HEARD YOU SPEAK AT
23 CONTRACT CITIES, LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES AND OTHER EVENTS
24 WHERE COUNCIL MEMBERS AND MAYORS AND OTHER ELECTED OFFICIALS
25 ATTEND. PEOPLE RESPECT YOU AND ALSO MR. YAROSLAVSKY. SORRY, I



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1 CAN'T PRONOUNCE YOUR NAME RIGHT. BUT I'M HERE BEFORE YOU
2 BECAUSE THERE IS A GENTLEMAN RUNNING FOR THE COUNTY ASSESSOR'S
3 OFFICE THAT I UNDERSTAND WE ALL HAVE THE RIGHT TO CHOOSE OUR
4 CANDIDATE AND WHO WE WISH TO SUPPORT. MY CONCERN IS ABOUT ONE
5 CANDIDATE NAMED MR. JOHN NOGEZ. HIS REAL NAME, WHICH OUTSIDE
6 THERE WAS A PRESS CONFERENCE AND HERE'S HIS ATTACHED, THEY PUT
7 HIS BIRTH CERTIFICATE, HIS REAL NAME IS JUAN RENALDO
8 RODRIGUEZ. I PERSONALLY CHECKED EACH COURT WEBSITE AND THE
9 COURT RECORDS TO SEE IF HE LEGALLY CHANGED HIS NAME. HE NEVER
10 LEGALLY CHANGED HIS NAME. HE HAS A DRIVER'S LICENSE AND HE'S
11 REGISTERED TO VOTE UNDER A FICTITIOUS NAME. THAT CONCERNS ME
12 BECAUSE THE WAY TERRORISTS ARE GOING THESE DAYS, YOU MEAN TO
13 TELL ME THAT ANYBODY COULD CHOOSE A NAME, RUN FOR OFFICE, AND
14 NOT EVEN BE THAT PERSON? ANOTHER THING IS THAT HE ALSO LIED
15 ABOUT HIS COLLEGE EDUCATION. HE HAS NONE. HE JUST HAS A HIGH
16 SCHOOL DIPLOMA. MY CONCERN IS THAT THIS MAN'S GOING TO BE IN
17 CHARGE OF A TRILLION DOLLAR TAXPAYER DOLLARS? HOW COULD
18 SOMEONE WITH A LACK OF EDUCATION COULD DO THIS JOB? AND ALSO
19 HOW DOES SOMEONE WITH FICTITIOUS NAMES GET A JOB IN THE
20 COUNTY? HE'S HOLDING A CERTIFICATE UNDER THAT NAME. YOU KNOW,
21 IDENTITY THEFT IS IDENTITY THEFT. AND NOTHING IS BEING DONE.
22 AND FOR MR. KNABE, YOUR SON I UNDERSTAND IS RUNNING HIS
23 CAMPAIGN. SO YOU PROBABLY ARE NOT GOING TO CARE WHAT I SAY.
24 BUT I AM CONCERNED THAT PEOPLE RUNNING WITH FICTITIOUS NAMES,
25 SAYING LIES AND REPRESENTING A PERSON THAT DOESN'T EXIST AND



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1 THEY ARE EMPLOYED WITH THE COUNTY. THAT IS NOT FAIR TO THE
2 PEOPLE WHO ARE DOING THINGS RIGHT. SO MR. COOLEY WITHDREW HIS
3 ENDORSEMENT BECAUSE HE'S INVESTIGATING THIS AND I RECOMMEND
4 THE SAME. THAT'S ALL I'M HERE TO SAY IS THAT, YOU KNOW, THE
5 INTEGRITY OF SOMEONE REGISTERING TO VOTE, IT SHOULD BE THAT
6 PERSON, BECAUSE IF WE'RE NOT DOING THAT, THAT MEANS I COULD
7 REGISTER 500 PEOPLE WITH A FICTITIOUS NAME.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THANK
10 YOU.

11

12 **LINDA CARABALLO:** THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** YES, SIR. GO ON.

15

16 **STEPHAN BROOKS:** MY NAME IS STEPHAN BROOKS. I'M INVOLVED IN A
17 PROBATE LITIGATION. AND IT APPEARS THAT I MAY POSSIBLY END UP
18 WITH NOTHING BECAUSE LAWYERS AND JUDGES CUT DEALS WITH EACH
19 OTHER AND CONSPIRED TO DETERMINE WHO IS GOING TO WIN THIS
20 CASE. AND NINE TIMES OUT OF TEN IT'LL WILL PROBABLY BE THE
21 LAWYERS. SO BASICALLY IT'S FIXED. THERE'S A TRUST FOR THE
22 PURPOSE OF NOT GOING THROUGH THIS RHETORIC, BUT IT'S BEING
23 IGNORED JUST TO GENERATE REVENUE IN THE COURTS AND THE
24 LAWYERS. THE OPPOSING ATTORNEY, ATTORNEY LIMAS, HAS CONTINUED
25 THESE MATTERS 23 TIMES WITHOUT LITIGATING THEM. WHICH



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1 ACTUALLY, FALSE PLEADINGS AND STUFF LIKE THAT, WHICH ONLY
2 DRAGS THE CASE OUT FURTHER. HE COMES IN LATE, FILES THE DAY OF
3 AS OPPOSED TO EIGHT MONTHS PRIOR, WHICH ARE PROPER PROCEDURES.
4 AND IT APPEARS THAT THE JUDGE HIMSELF HAS ALLOWED THIS TO
5 HAPPEN. NOW I'M NOT AN ATTORNEY OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT, LIKE
6 RICHARD FINE WAS, BUT IT APPEARS THAT OVER 60 PERCENT OF THE
7 COURT FILING FEES GOES TOWARDS JUDGES' RETIREMENT. NOW, MAYBE
8 THAT'S AN INCENTIVE TO DRAG THIS OUT, THE PROCEEDINGS, BUT IN
9 THE END, MYSELF OR THE PETITIONERS LOSE BECAUSE THE ESTATE IS
10 DRAINED. KEEP IN MIND I STILL HAVE TO PAY THE MORTGAGE, THE
11 TAXES AND THE INSURANCE AND SO FORTH AS WELL AS MAINTAIN MY
12 LIVELIHOOD, YOU KNOW, WIFE AND CHILDREN, AND MAINTAIN THE
13 COURT FEES AND THE ATTORNEY FEES. AND BASICALLY THAT'S TAKING
14 A TOLL ON MY FAMILY. AND I FEAR OF BECOMING HOMELESS BECAUSE
15 PROBATE JUSTICE SYSTEM IS RHETORIC. IT SEEMS THE JUDGES AND
16 THE LAWYERS HAVE A LICENSE TO STEAL, NOT PRACTICE LAW. I HAD
17 ANOTHER ATTORNEY ON A PREVIOUS ESTATE PROBATE WHO WAS SUPPOSED
18 TO REPRESENT MYSELF AND MY SIBLINGS AS BENEFICIARIES, BUT I
19 HAD TO OBTAIN ANOTHER ATTORNEY. AND SOMEHOW MISS RALSTON, THE
20 ATTORNEY, DIDN'T DO THE CORRECT FILINGS OR DID ANYTHING AT
21 ALL, JUST TRIED TO DRAG IT OUT. AND I HAD NOTIFIED THE COURT
22 THAT THIS CASE WAS STAGNANT. AND NORMALLY I THINK THE CLERK OR
23 THE COURTS NORMALLY NOTIFY THE ATTORNEYS TO LET THEM KNOW THAT
24 THIS COURT IS STAGNANT. BUT OF COURSE I GOT EXCUSES THAT "OH,
25 WE'RE OVERSTAFFED. WE'RE BACKLOGGED AND EVERYTHING ELSE."



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1 WHICH HELPS PROLONG THE CASE AND PRETTY MUCH GENERATES REVENUE
2 AND CREATES CONFUSION. I RECENTLY HELPED AN ELDERLY PERSON WHO
3 LIVED ON OUR BLOCK FOR 42 YEARS. A PREDATORY LENDER CAME AND
4 TOOK HER HOME FROM HER AND SHE WAS SLEEPING IN HER CAR. I WENT
5 TO MY MAYOR TABOR, DANNY TABOR, AND ASKED HIM TO ASSIST THIS
6 LADY AND HE DID HELP HER. NOW I FEEL LIKE I'M BEING ATTACKED
7 BY PREDATOR IN COURTS.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** LET ME ASK HAVE YOU CONTACTED
10 THE JUDICIAL COUNCIL RELATIVE TO THE YOU MADE A COMPLAINT?

11

12 **STEPHAN BROOKS:** NO, SIR. BECAUSE IT'S STILL LITIGATING.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** BUT YOU CAN STILL MAKE A
15 COMPLAINT THAT THE SYSTEM IS -- THE JUDGE IS DELAYING
16 IMPLEMENTING COMING TO A CONCLUSION ON THE CASE. YOU CAN MAKE
17 THAT COMPLAINT. WE CAN GIVE YOU THAT ADDRESS OF THE JUDICIAL
18 COUNCIL.

19

20 **STEPHAN BROOKS:** OKAY.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** GO ON THE SIDE. THEY'LL GIVE
23 IT TO YOU OVER HERE.

24

25 **STEPHAN BROOKS:** THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. YES, SIR. MR. ROSE?

3

4 **LEONARD ROSE:** I'M HERE TO TALK ABOUT CALIFORNIA BORDER GUIDE.

5 I GOT THIS FROM MY CHURCH, YOU KNOW. THIS MAYBE PEOPLE WANT TO

6 WRITE THIS DOWN ON THE WEBSITE, YOU KNOW. THERE ARE A COUPLE

7 WEBSITES ABOUT BORDER, YOU KNOW. AND WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE

8 PRESIDENT AND THE SENATOR AND THE PROCESSING AND STATE

9 ASSEMBLY. AND THIS PROCESSING TALK ABOUT YES AND NO, YOU KNOW,

10 IT'S UP TO THE PEOPLE. AND THIS WEBSITE HERE IS

11 WWW.SMARTVOTE.COM, THAT TALK ABOUT PRESIDENT AND REPUBLICAN

12 AND DEMOCRAT, WHAT THEY'RE STANDING FOR AND EVERYTHING YOU

13 WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE PRESIDENT AND GOVERNOR, YOU KNOW.

14 THERE'S ANOTHER WEBSITE WITH THIS HANDOUTS HERE IS

15 WWW.TRUSTEDADVISOR.COM. NOW, IT TALKS ABOUT ALL PROCESSING,

16 THE GOVERNOR, SENATOR, REPRESENTATIVE, STATE SENATOR,

17 PROCESSING. THEY GOT A NEWS ISSUE ABOUT GAYS AND LESBIAN

18 RIGHTS, ABOUT H.I.V., TRANSMISSION DISEASE, YOU KNOW, ISSUE,

19 THE NEWS ISSUE. AND ON THE BACK. YOU GET THIS AT ANAHEIM. AND

20 I'M GOING TO OUT TO EVERY CHURCH THROUGHOUT UNITED STATES. AND

21 WE WANT PEOPLE TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 2ND. AND I'D LIKE THIS WORD

22 UP THERE, WHAT ABRAHAM LINCOLN SAID THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE

23 PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE NOT PURGED FROM THE

24 EARTH, ABRAHAM LINCOLN. AND THEN THE A.C.L.J. ON JAY SEKULOW,

25 99.5, THEY TALK ABOUT ELECTIONS COMING UP. WE WANT TO CHANGE



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1 THE RIGHT GOVERNOR, THE RIGHT SENATOR AND WHO WE WILL NEED TO
2 VOTE FOR, WHAT THEY STAND FOR AND TO GET PEOPLE JOBS. AND FOX
3 CHANNEL 11 NEWS AT TEN O'CLOCK, THEY TALK ABOUT POLITICIANS
4 AND TELL REAL TRUTH ON THE NEWS. SOMETIMES JAY SEKULOW THE
5 CHRISTIAN RADIO STATION IS ON THERE, TOO. SOMETIMES HE ON
6 THERE AND HIS FATHER MIGHT BE ON THERE. AND THEN THEY TELL
7 ABOUT WHAT REALLY HAPPENING ON THE NEWS. WHAT GOING ON IN
8 POLITICS. SO THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. AND I'LL GO -- STUDY FOR
9 SPORTS INJURY.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU, MR. ROSE.

12

13 **LEONARD ROSE:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** BEFORE YOU TALK, LET ME CALL
16 UP CAROL RAINES-BROWN, ERNEST MOORE AND DERRICK LAVINGE. YES
17 SIR.

18

19 **BOBBY COOPER:** YES, MY NAME IS BOBBY COOPER. I'VE BEEN COMING
20 DOWN HERE NOW FOR ABOUT A YEAR AND PROBABLY ALMOST A YEAR AND
21 A HALF NOW. FIRST TIME I CAME DOWN HERE WAS ABOUT MY MOTHER
22 AND THE SAME ISSUES I'M TALKING ABOUT, THE INSURANCE MONEY.
23 I'M STILL NOT ABLE TO GET THE INSURANCE MONEY. I'M HERE TODAY
24 BECAUSE I WAS HERE LAST WEEK INTENDED TO COME DOWN HERE AND
25 SPEAK TO THE CITY COUNCIL -- COUNTY COUNSEL, BUT I WAS AT THE



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1 CITY COUNCIL BOARD MEETING MAKING REFERENCE TO A RAPHAEL
2 SANCHEZ WHO CAME IN MY ROOM WITH A PILLOW AND TRIED TO TAKE MY
3 LIFE. PILLOW AND A BRIEFCASE. I GUESS HE WAS GOING TO TAKE THE
4 REST OF THE INSURANCE POLICIES THAT I'M HOLDING ONTO. WELL,
5 ANYWAY, AS I MADE IT OVER HERE, CAME OVER HERE TO SPEAK TO YOU
6 ABOUT THE SAME ISSUES, I WAS LATE. I MISSED MY APPOINTMENT. SO
7 WHEN I GOT HOME, GUESS WHAT? THERE'S THE CORONER'S TRUCK OUT
8 IN THE FRONT OF MY BUILDING, THE CLARK RESIDENCE BUILDING. AND
9 IT'S GOT A BODY IN IT. AND GUESS WHO IT IS? IT'S RAPHAEL
10 SANCHEZ. HE'S DEAD. THE GUY, I ASSUMED THAT HE'S DEAD BECAUSE
11 HE DIDN'T KEEP HIS MOUTH SHUT, YOU KNOW. AND ANYBODY ELSE THAT
12 HAS ANYTHING TO DO WITH ME AND MY PROBLEM IS COMING UP MISSING
13 OR DEAD. NOW, THIS IS HAPPENING IN GLORIA MOLINA'S DISTRICT
14 WHEREIN I'M HARASSED ON A CONTINUOUS BASIS. I'M NOT ALLOWED
15 ANY PHONES. I'M NOT ALLOWED ANY COMPUTERS ANYMORE. I'M NOT
16 ALLOWED TO THE INTERNET OR ANYTHING OUTSIDE CALIFORNIA, ANY
17 COMMUNICATION WITH ATTORNEYS, POLICE DEPARTMENT. I CAN'T EVEN
18 CALL 911. THAT'S A DAMN SHAME. HERE I AM 67 YEAR OLD AFRICAN-
19 AMERICAN BUSINESSMAN, BEEN IN THIS COUNTRY 67 YEARS, NO
20 CRIMINAL RECORD. BUT I GOT TO BE RUNNING SCARED OF RAMPART
21 POLICE OFFICERS. THERE AIN'T BUT ABOUT THREE OF THEM AND A
22 CROOKED ATTORNEY WITH PLENTY OF MONEY, JOHN ALLEN GOLDWIN. I
23 AIN'T NEVER SEEN AN ATTORNEY THAT COULD BUY UP ALL OF LOS
24 ANGELES CALIFORNIA RESIDENTIAL AGENCIES FROM ANYWHERE FROM
25 COURT TO THE POLICE STATION, TO THE POLICE OFFICERS. YOU KNOW,



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1 YOU MENTIONED HIS NAME IN THE PUBLIC AND PEOPLE START DROPPING
2 LIKE FLIES. I'M NOT AFRAID OF THIS GENTLEMAN, YOU KNOW. I'LL
3 BE HERE UNTIL HE'S GONE. I WANT TO THANK TOM PAYNE,
4 VOLUNTEERED AND HAS HELPED ME TREMENDOUSLY. THIS MAN YOU NEED
5 TO GIVE A JOB. ADRIAN HIMMON, YOU NEED TO RETIRE, PERIOD. DONE
6 NOTHING. AND WHAT? MAYBE 15 OTHER SOCIAL SERVICE WORKERS THAT
7 YOU'VE ASSIGNED TO MY CASE HAVE DONE COMPLETELY NOTHING. YOU
8 MIGHT WANT TO CHECK THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS AND LOOK IN THEIR
9 GARAGES, BECAUSE THEY GOT NEW CARS AND ALL KIND OF NEW
10 FURNITURE AND GIFTS THAT THEY ACCEPT. NOW, YOU HAVE A LADY BY
11 THE NAME OF WHAT IS IT? SELIVAS CORTEZ AND ROLAND HARRIS, YOU
12 NEED TO GET RID OF THEM. THEY ARE IN THERE ACCEPTING GIFTS OF
13 PEOPLE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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17 **BOBBY COOPER:** I KNOW YOU'RE IN A HURRY TO GET THROUGH SPEAKING
18 BECAUSE YOU AIN'T GOING TO DO NOTHING. AND IT'S ALL BECAUSE OF
19 THE COLOR OF MY SKIN AND I KNOW THAT. WHITE MAN, YOU AIN'T
20 GOING TO STEAL WHITE MAN'S MONEY LIKE THAT.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. YES?

23

24 **ERNEST MOORE:** MY NAME IS ERNEST L. MOORE. I AM AN EMPLOYEE OF
25 L.A. COUNTY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY



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1 SERVICES. I'M ALSO A FOUNDER OF AN ORGANIZATION CALLED THE
2 FORGOTTEN AMERICANS NETWORK. I'M HERE AGAIN TODAY TO DISCUSS
3 THIS ISSUE OF THE CONTINUED PROBLEMS THAT I'M HAVING WITH THE
4 PROBATE COURT IN LOS ANGELES, PARTICULARLY DEPARTMENT 11. NOW,
5 THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE, I HAD REPORTED TO YOU THAT ACTUALLY
6 ABOUT CRIMES THAT WERE BEING COMMITTED IN THAT COURTROOM BY
7 THE PROBATE INVESTIGATORS, THE COURT REPORTER, SHERIFF'S
8 DEPUTIES, THE JUDGE AVIVA K. BOB. THE COURT APPOINTED P.V.P.
9 ATTORNEY, ANDREA VAN LEESON AND A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, DANIEL
10 HERBERT. NOW, I MUST APOLOGIZE BECAUSE I THINK I DIDN'T MAKE
11 MYSELF CLEAR THE LAST TIME I WAS HERE. I ASKED FOR ASSISTANCE
12 WITH THIS MATTER. NOW, TODAY I WANT TO FOCUS ON MORE, TO GIVE
13 YOU MORE INFORMATION ABOUT HOW FAR BACK THIS GOES AND HOW DEEP
14 THIS GOES, PARTICULARLY WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES THAT HAVE
15 REFUSED TO ACCEPT MY CITIZEN'S ARREST FOR OVER A DECADE. NOW
16 TO GIVE YOU AN EXAMPLE OF THIS, AND IT TIES INTO THIS PROBATE
17 CASE, GOING BACK TO 1999, I HAVE AN ARTICLE HERE BY THE "L.A.
18 TIMES" DATED MONDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1999. IT'S TITLED "WHERE
19 ABUSE MAY EASILY BREED" THIS WAS AN ARTICLE ABOUT VIEW HEIGHTS
20 CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL. NOW, I HAD, AFTER I FINISHED MY
21 MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING, ACTUALLY I WENT UP TO
22 SACRAMENTO TO WORK FOR A WHILE, BUT MY FATHER HAD CALLED ME
23 BACK TO WORK IN THIS CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL. THEY HAVE A LOCKED
24 FACILITY THERE FOR MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS. HE CALLED ME TO
25 WORK THERE BECAUSE OF CONCERNS ABOUT PATIENTS THAT WERE



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1 GETTING KILLED BY THE STAFF. WHEN I WENT TO WORK THERE, I
2 IMMEDIATELY WAS ATTACKED OR ASSAULTED BY THIS ADMINISTRATOR,
3 WHO WAS TRYING TO FORCE ME OUT BECAUSE HE DIDN'T WANT ME TO
4 REPORT THE CRIMES THAT WERE GOING ON. I WENT TO THE SHERIFF'S
5 DEPARTMENT TO TRY TO HAVE HIM ARRESTED, AS A CITIZEN, TO DO A
6 CITIZEN'S ARREST. THEY REFUSED MY ARREST. THEY REFUSE TO EVEN
7 INVESTIGATE. I DON'T KNOW IF I HAVE TIME TO READ THIS ARTICLE
8 HERE. BUT BASICALLY HE SAYS "I DON'T HAVE ANY EXCUSES. VIEW
9 HEIGHTS CONVALESCENT HOSPITAL, A SOUTH CENTRAL LOS ANGELES
10 RECEIVED THE MOST CITATIONS, 26, INCLUDING SANCTIONS FOR THREE
11 DEATHS, AN INCIDENT LAST YEAR IN WHICH A STAFF MEMBER HAD SEX
12 WITH A PATIENT, PROMISING MONEY AND CIGARETTES IN EXCHANGE."

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** LET ME SAY THIS. YOUR TIME'S
15 UP, BUT WE HAD LEGISLATION PASS WHICH IS GOING TO HAVE A
16 GRADING SYSTEM ON THE CONVALESCENT HOMES BEGINNING IN 2011,
17 WHICH IS IN JANUARY. BUT WHERE DO YOU RESIDE?

18

19 **ERNEST MOORE:** I RESIDE IN LOS ANGELES.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WHICH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT?

22

23 **ERNEST MOORE:** I THINK IT'S MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS. BUT EXCUSE ME.
24 THE REASON I BROUGHT THIS UP IS THAT BECAUSE NOW I WAS
25 PROMISED -- I WAS SUPPOSED TO RECEIVE THIS CONTROLLING SHARES



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1 IN A CORPORATION THAT OWNED THIS CONVALESCENT HOSPITALS, WHICH
2 HAS BEEN TIED UP IN THIS PROBATE COURT SITUATION. AS A RESULT,
3 I HAVE NOT RECEIVED ONE PENNY OF MY INHERITANCE SINCE MY
4 FATHER DIED, MY FATHER DIED IN 2000, BECAUSE OF THIS PROBATE
5 CASE. NOW, I'M GOING FILE A CLAIM FOR DAMAGES FOR RELIEF TO
6 L.A. COUNTY TODAY AND I WAS ASKING, I WANTED TO ASK THE BOARD
7 OF SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE IN EXPEDITING
8 THIS CLAIM, WHICH WILL ACTUALLY GIVE ME RELIEF IN ORDER TO BE
9 ABLE TO PAY THESE HIGH PAID PROBATE ATTORNEYS TO TRY TO GET
10 SOMETHING GOING IN COURT. I'LL DEAL WITH THE CORRUPTION IN THE
11 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LATER. NOW, ALSO, I HAVE THE POWERS OF
12 ARREST OF ANY UNIFORMED POLICE OFFICER.

13
14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** ON THAT, I WOULD SUGGEST THAT
15 YOU CONTACT THE SUPERVISOR'S OFFICE.

16
17 **ERNEST MOORE:** I HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS. I'VE GIVEN HIM
18 EVIDENCE. IN FACT, I'D LIKE FOR HIM TO HAVE THIS.

19
20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** IF YOU FILED A CLAIM, LET ME
21 ASK COUNTY COUNSEL. OVER HERE IS MARK'S DEPUTY. IF YOU COULD
22 GO TALK TO HER, OKAY?

23
24 **ERNEST MOORE:** OKAY.



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1 SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM: THANK YOU.

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3 ERNEST MOORE: THANK YOU.

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5 SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM: YES SIR. OR YES MA'AM. OKAY.

6 YES, SIR.

7

8 SPEAKER: HE WAS NEXT, THANK YOU.

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10 DERRICK LAVIGNE: GOOD AFTERNOON.

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12 MY NAME IS DEREK LAVIGNE. I LIVE IN BALDWIN HILLS, IN
13 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT. I WORK AS A SECURITY
14 OFFICER AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION. I HAVE WORKED AT THE
15 COUNTY FOR NEARLY TWO YEARS AND AS AN OFFICER FOR EIGHT YEARS.
16 ALTHOUGH WE ARE CONTRACTED WORKERS, SECURITY OFFICERS DO VITAL
17 WORK FOR THE COUNTY AND THE PUBLIC. WE ARE THE FIRST
18 RESPONDERS WHO KEEP LOS ANGELES COUNTY HOSPITALS, SOCIAL
19 SERVICE BUILDINGS AND COURTHOUSES SAFE. EVERY DAY I OPEN THE
20 LOADING DOCK, TRACK CARS AND SCREEN DRIVERS THAT COME IN AND
21 OUT OF THE BUILDING. IF A SECURITY OFFICER WASN'T POSTED
22 THERE, UNIDENTIFIED PERSONS COULD COME IN AND OUT AND THERE
23 WOULD BE NO ONE TO DIRECT TRAFFIC. DESPITE GUARDING THE
24 LARGEST COUNTY IN THE U.S. AND SUCH PROMINENT GOVERNMENT
25 BUILDINGS, MANY OF US STRUGGLE TO SUPPORT OURSELVES AND OUR



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1 FAMILIES. I HAVE TO WORK A SECOND JOB TO MAKE ENDS MEET. EVEN
2 THEN, I CAN'T AFFORD THE HEALTH CARE OFFERED BY MY EMPLOYER.
3 SO I HAVE TO GO TO FREE CLINICS TO GET BASIC CARE. FOR
4 IMPORTANT JOBS LIKE GUARDING PUBLIC FACILITIES, WE NEED AN
5 EXPERIENCED, WELL-TRAINED WORKFORCE. ALL OFFICERS NEED TO BE
6 TRAINED TO HANDLE THE RANGE OF POTENTIAL DANGEROUS SITUATIONS
7 THAT CAN COME UP. WHEN OFFICERS ARE STRUGGLING TO GET BY, YOU
8 GET HIGH TURNOVER RATES AND LOTS OF NEW OFFICERS. THAT'S NOT
9 GOOD FOR THE COUNTY. BECAUSE I HAVE MANY YEARS OF EXPERIENCE
10 AS A SECURITY OFFICER AT OTHER BUILDINGS, I KNOW HOW TO
11 APPROPRIATELY RESPOND TO AN EMERGENCY, BUT NOT ALL OFFICERS
12 HAVE THE PAST EXPERIENCE THAT I DO. LOW STANDARDS FOR TRAINING
13 AND EXPERIENCE ARE UNACCEPTABLE. THE JOBS THAT WE DO ARE TOO
14 IMPORTANT. NOT HAVING THE RIGHT TRAINING AND THE RIGHT
15 STAFFING CAN JEOPARDIZE PUBLIC SAFETY. WE NEED THE COUNTY
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO COMMIT TO HIGHER STANDARDS FOR THE
17 SECURITY OFFICERS WHO ARE THE FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE IN COUNTY
18 FACILITIES. WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO DO OUR JOBS WELL, AND WE
19 WANT THE PUBLIC TO BE AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE WHEN THEY COME TO
20 COUNTY BUILDINGS. THANK YOU.

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22 >>SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM: THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] LET
23 ME ALSO CALL UP KIMBERLY BAILEY, PATRICK O'ROURKE, AND LEWIS
24 FAY? YES, MA'AM? OKAY. YES.



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1 **CAROL RAINES-BROWN:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHAT ABOUT THE
2 CHILDREN? GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, AND MR. MARK
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS, OUR SUPERVISOR. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL THAT
4 YOU'RE DOING FOR OUR COMMUNITY. I AM CAROL RAINES-BROWN, AN
5 EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST AND ADVOCATE FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.
6 I SERVE ON THE FOLLOWING BOARDS: THE NATIONAL DROPOUT
7 PREVENTION CENTER OUT OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY, THE NATIONAL
8 COUNCIL OF EDUCATING BLACK CHILDREN, LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL
9 TRUSTEE ASSOCIATION, THE INGLEWOOD UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT,
10 THE MAKING A DIFFERENCE TOGETHER AND CHILDREN FAMILIES AND
11 ALSO I WORK WITH GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS. TODAY I SPEAK ON
12 BEHALF OF THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN, BOYS AND GIRLS IN FOSTER CARE
13 IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. MANY OF OUR CHILDREN WHO STATISTICS AND
14 DATA HAVE PROVEN AND SHOWN US THAT WITHOUT ADEQUATE RESOURCES,
15 INTERVENTION, EDUCATION, MENTAL AND HEALTH SERVICES, A FAMILY,
16 FAMILY ATTACHMENTS, CONNECTIONS OR SENSE OF COMMUNITY, OUR
17 CHILDREN WILL END UP AND MAKE UP THE POPULATION OF HOMELESS,
18 DEAD, INCARCERATED, UNEDUCATED DROPOUTS AND MERELY A FACE
19 WITHOUT A NAME IN OUR SOCIETY. ON SEPTEMBER 29, 2010, I HAD
20 THE OPPORTUNITY TO GO AND SUPPORT MISS BAILEY AT A T.D.M. THE
21 ADULTS ESTABLISHED EXPECTATIONS, TIMELINES AND
22 RESPONSIBILITIES ON BEHALF OF THREE CHILDREN. WORKING WITH, AS
23 A FORMER C.A.S.A., COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATE,
24 UNDERSTANDING THAT CHILDREN DO HAVE A RIGHT. HERE THE CHILDREN
25 WERE DISCUSSED; BUT WE HAVE THREE YOUNG CHILDREN THAT ARE A



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1 PART OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES. BUT
2 BECAUSE OF THE LACK OF SUPPORT FOR THEM, THESE THREE LITTLE
3 GIRLS ARE NOW CAUSING PROBLEMS EVEN FOR THEMSELVES IN THE
4 COMMUNITY AND IN THEIR SCHOOL. TWO OF THE YOUNG LADIES
5 ATTENDED TWO OF OUR HIGH PERFORMING SCHOOLS. BUT AS A RESULT
6 OF THEIR CYCLE OF ATTACHMENT AND DISORDER AND DISPLACEMENT
7 FROM THEIR FOSTER PARENT, ONE OF THE YOUNG LADIES HAS RECENTLY
8 BEEN KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL BECAUSE SHE REFUSED TO STAND UP AND
9 SALUTE THE FLAG, THE AMERICAN FLAG. ONE OF THE OTHER YOUNG
10 LADIES WAS CAUGHT IN A FIGHT. BUT ALSO WHAT DISTURBED ME WAS
11 WHEN WE HAD THE T.D.M., THE SOCIAL WORKER CAME TO TAKE THE
12 CHILDREN, BUT WHEN THEY PICKED UP HER STUFF, SHE HAD A PLASTIC
13 BAG, A GARBAGE BAG. AND WHAT DOES A GARBAGE BAG SIMULATE TO
14 MANY OF OUR CHILDREN? WHAT IS THE MESSAGE? I'M ASKING BECAUSE
15 I'M LOOKING AT THE TIME, I'M ASKING THAT ALL OF THE
16 SUPERVISORS, WE HAVE FOSTER CHILDREN IN ALL OF OUR DISTRICTS,
17 THAT YOU PLEASE HELP SUPPORT AND ADVOCATE FOR THE CHILDREN IN
18 FOSTER CARE. RETURN THE THREE CHILDREN BACK TO THEIR FOSTER
19 MOTHER. IF THERE'S EDUCATION AND PARENTING RESOURCES THAT NEED
20 TO BE PROVIDED AND TRAINING FOR THE FOSTER PARENT, PROVIDE
21 THAT. BUT ATTACHMENT DISORDERS WE DO NOT NEED TO BE A PART OF
22 DISRUPTING THE PLACEMENT OF CHILDREN. BUT WE NEED TO BE A PART
23 OF HELPING CHILDREN THRIVE AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOCIETY.
24 SO I'M ASKING THAT ALL OF YOU PLEASE RETURN THESE CHILDREN
25 BACK TO THEIR FOSTER PARENT. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU.

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4 **CAROL RAINES-BROWN:** THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** KIMBERLY?

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8 **KIMBERLY BAILEY:** I WAS HERE ABOUT A MONTH AGO AND TALKED TO I
9 GUESS PETER HONG. HOWEVER, I DID A T.D.M. WITH THE DEPARTMENT
10 OF FAMILY AND CHILDREN SOCIAL SERVICES. MISS CHESTNUT IS
11 SUPPOSED TO FACILITATE ME AND HELP ME DO. HOWEVER, THINGS THAT
12 WERE DISCUSSED IN THE T.D.M., SHE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE ABOUT. I
13 HAD TO GO ON FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22, AND SUBMIT THE T.D.M. FORM
14 WITH ALL THE SIGNATURES. I ALSO HAD -- NOTHING IN THE T.D.M.
15 HAS BEEN DONE. THAT WAS A MONTH AGO ON SEPTEMBER 29. HASN'T NO
16 VISITATIONS WITH ME WITH THE KIDS. SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN DONE
17 IN SEVEN DAYS. IT HASN'T. THE KIDS SUPPOSED TO HAVE
18 COUNSELING, INDIVIDUALLY COUNSELING. THAT HASN'T DONE
19 ANYTHING. NOTHING HASN'T EVER. AND TRANSPORTATION-WISE,
20 INGLEWOOD HAS LIKE TASKFORCE THAT'S GOING ON IN THE SCHOOL
21 SYSTEM WHERE THEY CATCH THE BUS TO SCHOOL, ANYBODY CATCH THE
22 BUS TO SCHOOL, THE SCHOOL POLICE, I MEAN THE SCHOOL P.D. IS
23 THERE. THEY'RE TAKING CELL PHONES. THEY'RE TAKING SHOES FROM
24 KIDS. THE FOSTER DAUGHTER, MY FOSTER DAUGHTER'S TAKEN A BUS TO
25 SCHOOL, HASN'T NOTHING ON THE T.D.M. HAS BEEN DONE AS TO NOW.



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1 MISS GERALDINE ALSO INDICATED THAT THEY DID NOT TAKE THE KIDS
2 DUE TO THE RESTRAINING ORDER. HOWEVER, THE NEXT DAY I HAVE
3 GOTTEN A CALL FROM A REFERRAL THROUGH TORRANCE THAT SHE
4 INDICATED THAT YES, THEY DID TAKE THE FOSTER KIDS DUE TO A
5 REFERRAL. THEN OTHER ALLEGATIONS CAME ALONG. THEY PROBED THE
6 KIDS. THEY ASKED ANYTHING ABOUT NEGATIVE ABOUT ME TO THE KIDS.
7 BUT THEY EVEN ASKED ME FOR LEGAL GUARDIANSHIP OF THE KIDS
8 BEFORE ALL THIS HAD HAPPENED. IT'S JUST BEEN AN ONGOING
9 SITUATION. HAS NOTHING HAVE DONE. I DONE CALLED, I HAD SENT
10 CHARACTER REFERENCES FROM CURRENT PRICE, A STATE SENATOR, ALSO
11 THE FORMER MAYOR OF INGLEWOOD. I'M A CHILD ACTIVIST. I AM A
12 PART OF THE GRANDPARENTS AS PARENTS PROGRAM. HASN'T NOTHING
13 BEEN DONE PERIOD WITH MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE. I BELIEVE
14 THAT 83RD AND VERMONT IS RUNNING MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS'S OFFICE
15 BECAUSE I HAVE TO DO MY OWN PAPERWORK TO GET TO MISS CHESTNUT
16 THAT SHE DOESN'T HAVE. I HAVE TO DO THIS. AND THAT'S NOT FAIR
17 TO ME OR THE KIDS. BECAUSE THE KIDS HAS BEEN OUT OF MY HOME
18 FOR A MONTH. SO I'M ASKING YOU TO HELP ME OUT. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU.

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22 **FAYE LEWIS:** MY NAME IS FAYE LEWIS. I'M A GRANDPARENTS FOR
23 PARENTS ACTIVIST. I'M ALSO WORK WITH CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER
24 SYSTEM, GANG ADVOCATE FOR YOUNG MEN WORKING THEM BACK INTO THE
25 SYSTEM COMING OUT OF JUVENILE AND JAIL FACILITIES. A LOT OF



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1 THEM THAT WERE RAISED IN THE FOSTER SYSTEM. AND AS I MET MRS.
2 KIMBERLY BAILEY, I HAVE UNDERSTOOD HER TO BE A FOSTER PARENT.
3 THAT ONCE THESE KIDS WERE REMOVED AND THEY FOUND OUT THAT THE
4 ALLEGATIONS THAT WERE BROUGHT AGAINST HER WERE FALSE, THEY
5 HAVE NOT TRIED -- WHICH WE WORK WITH FOSTER KIDS, ARE SUPPOSED
6 TO BE ABLE TO HELP THE CHILDREN. WHEN YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN
7 YOUR HOME FOR THREE YEARS AND THEY'RE SNATCHED OUT AND THEY'RE
8 STRAIGHT A STUDENTS AND THEY'RE PLACED IN A FOSTER HOME ON THE
9 OTHER SIDE OF TOWN, NOW THIS ONE CHILD HAS BEEN A STRAIGHT A
10 STUDENT HAS BEEN KICKED OUT OF SCHOOL, THERE'S SOMETHING THAT
11 I BELIEVE THAT THE SOCIAL WORKERS ARE SUPPOSED TO REALLY WORK
12 WITH THE FOSTER PARENTS. THEY SIT IN THE OFFICE AND THERE'S A
13 PROCEDURE THAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH. BUT THE PROCEDURE IS
14 TO TRY TO KEEP THESE KIDS TOGETHER AND TO KEEP THEM
15 FUNCTIONAL. THEY HAVE ALREADY COME OUT OF DYSFUNCTIONAL HOMES.
16 SO NOW THEY'RE SET UP TO FAIL BECAUSE THEY ARE JUST THROWN
17 ACROSS TOWN, CLOTHES IN A BAG. THEY CAN'T GET IT TOGETHER
18 BECAUSE THERE'S SO MUCH GOING ON IN THEIR HEADS. WHEN THE
19 REASON THEY WERE TAKEN OUT OF THE FOSTER HOME, THERE'S NO
20 PROOF. THEY HAVE NOT INVESTIGATED. SO WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHY
21 ISN'T THERE SOMETHING BEING DONE WITH THE SOCIAL WORKERS TO
22 REALLY -- I KNOW THEIR CASES ARE OVERLOADED, THEY'RE REALLY
23 CROWDED WITH WORK. BUT SOME OF THESE KIDS ARE GOING TO BE
24 MISPLACED AND CAUGHT UP AND WE ARE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO
25 UNDERSTAND WHAT HAPPENED. AND THEN BY THE TIME THEY TURN 18,



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1 THEY'RE GOING TO BE LOST. WE ALREADY KNOW AS A RACE, THE
2 MAJORITY OF THE CHILDREN IN THE FOSTER SYSTEM THAT ARE BEING
3 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED ARE OF MY COLOR. AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE
4 THIS A COLOR THING, BUT I REALLY BELIEVE THAT WE NEED TO
5 REALLY LOOK AT THIS SYSTEM. THE D.C.F.S. REALLY NEEDS TO LOOK
6 AT IT AND FIND OUT BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME SERIOUS THINGS GOING
7 ON WITH THESE KIDS BEING MISPLACED WHEN THEY'RE TAKEN FROM THE
8 PARENTS, PUT IN A FOSTER HOME, THE FOSTER PARENT IS ACCUSED OF
9 SOMETHING, THEY FIND OUT THERE'S NO TRUTH TO IT AND THE
10 PAPERWORK JUST SITTING ON THE DESK. NOBODY HAS FOUND OUT. ALL
11 THOSE ALLEGATIONS WERE FALSE. NOW WHAT DO YOU DO? OH IT'S A
12 PROCEDURE. WE GOT TO GO TO COURT. WE GOT TO DO THIS. THE KIDS
13 ARE BEING THROWN FROM FOSTER HOME TO FOSTER HOME. WE NEED TO
14 REALLY GET THESE KIDS THAT WERE TAKEN OUT OF MISS KIMBERLY
15 BAILEY'S HOME PLACED BACK WITH HER.

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU.

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19 **FAYE LEWIS:** THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** BEFORE YOU SPEAK, MR.

22 O'ROURKE, ROXANNA OLIVIA, ARNOLD SACHS AND ERIC PREVEN. YES,

23 MR. O'ROURKE.

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1 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** YEAH, YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW WHAT I'M
2 GOING TO SPEAK ON. D.C.F.S. ARE BAD FOSTER PARENTS. THEY'RE
3 BAD PARENTS, PERIOD. NEWS REPORTS, AGENCIES, YOUTUBE IS FULL
4 OF VIDEOS, FATHERS AND FAMILIES, THERE ARE GROUPS ALL ACROSS
5 THE NATION BASED IN LOS ANGELES HAVING DIVISION IN LOS ANGELES
6 BECAUSE OF THE DYSFUNCTIONAL NATURE OF OUR FOSTER CARE SYSTEM.
7 BUT I WANT TO COME TO SOME PERSONAL POINTS WHERE THERE HAS
8 BEEN CRIMINAL ACTIVITY OR LACK OF JUDGMENT ON BEHALF OF
9 CERTAIN FOSTER CARE WORKERS. FIRST OF ALL, I HAVE HERE A
10 DOCUMENT SHOWING THAT MY WIFE WAS MENTALLY ILL. BUT IT ALSO
11 SHOWS THAT D.C.F.S. STATED THAT I HAD THE MENTAL RETARDATION
12 AND THE MENTAL ILLNESS EVEN THOUGH I HAVE A DOCUMENT HERE THAT
13 TOOK ME TWO YEARS TO GO AHEAD AND PUT TOGETHER TO SHOW THAT I
14 HAVE SCOLIOSIS, SPINA BIFIDA OCCULTA AND I ALSO HAVE BAD FEET.
15 THAT'S WHY I'M RECEIVING S.S.I. AND SOCIAL SECURITY. THEY
16 ATTEMPTED TO DISCREDIT ME AND LIED AND COMMITTED LIBEL ON
17 BEHALF OF TWO D.M.H. WORKERS THAT WERE RECEIVING INAPPROPRIATE
18 KICKBACKS FROM DRUG PHARMACEUTICAL AGENCIES TO PROMOTE ABILIFY
19 AND SEROQUEL. THEY TOLD THE DEPARTMENT, THIS DR. KELSEY AT
20 WEST SIDE MENTAL HEALTH CENTER, EDMOND WEST SIDE MENTAL HEALTH
21 CENTER, TOLD, AND I HAVE THE DOCUMENT RIGHT HERE, STATED THAT
22 MY WIFE WAS RECEIVING ONLY 50 MILLIGRAMS OR 100 MILLIGRAMS OF
23 SEROQUEL, WHEN IN FACT SHE WAS PRESCRIBING 150, MUCH OF IT IN
24 SAMPLES. MUCH OF IT IN SAMPLES. SHE LIED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
25 MENTAL HEALTH AND STATED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH



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1 THAT THESE WERE PROBLEMS THAT GAVE CONTRADICTORY EVIDENCE TO
2 THE COURTS AT D.C.F.S. AND TO D.M.H., TWO DIFFERENT STORIES ON
3 WHETHER OR NOT MY WIFE COULD EVEN BREASTFEED WITH THIS
4 MEDICATION. SHE SHOWED UP AT THE HOSPITAL THE DAY BEFORE MY
5 DAUGHTER WAS BORN TO TELL THE STAFF THERE THAT I WAS MENTALLY
6 DISABLED. AND MY WIFE SUFFERED FOR EIGHT HOURS WITHOUT BEING
7 FED. THIS IS HARMFUL TO MY WIFE. THIS WAS VERY HARMFUL. SHE
8 SHOWED UP THERE AHEAD OF TIME. SHE ALSO CALLED UP AFTER I
9 THREATENED TO SUE HER FOR CHILD ENDANGERMENT, SHE CALLED UP
10 D.C.F.S., THIS DOCTOR KELSEY, TO GO AHEAD AND ASK THAT THE
11 CHILD BE REMOVED. MY DAUGHTER WASN'T EVEN BORN YET. SHE STILL
12 HAD SIX WEEKS. TWO MONTHS, I MEAN TWO WEEKS BEFORE MY DAUGHTER
13 WAS BORN, OVER TWO WEEKS.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU, MR. O'ROURKE. THANK
16 YOU.

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18 **PATRICK O'ROURKE:** MY DAUGHTER. I FIRED HER BUT SHE SHOWED UP
19 AT THE HOSPITAL. SHE RECEIVED FUNDS.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. YES, MA'AM. YES.

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23 **ROXANA OLIVIA:** HI. I'M ROXANNA MARISEL ALIVA NUNEZ. THIS IS
24 MUNERO CORTES AND IS KNOWN AS ROXANNA OLIVIA. I HAVE BEEN
25 SEVERAL TIMES MAKING COMPLAINTS AND REGARD THIS IS A CRIMINAL



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1 MATTER NOW BECAUSE IT'S BEEN OVER SINCE 2007 AND 1987 SINCE MY
2 OLDER SON WAS BORN AND OUT OF ESTATE AND MY CHILDREN HAVE BEEN
3 IN THE SYSTEM SINCE THAT TIME. AND I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO
4 RECOVER ANY OF MY LOSSES EVER SINCE THIS HAPPENING, EVEN
5 LOCKING ME OUT OF MY PLACE AND GOVERNMENT OR EITHER WHETHER
6 IT'S CRIMINAL OR ENTITY OR IT'S A PUBLIC OR WHOEVER IS BEHIND
7 ALL THIS THAT IS COSTING ME SO MUCH DAMAGES AND LOSSES AND
8 INJURIES TO THIS TIME, AT PRESENT TIME. I HAVE BEEN UNABLE TO
9 BE AT MY HOME OR SEE MY KIDS. I EVEN WAS ARRESTED, A VICTIM OF
10 CRIMINALS OR EITHER PEOPLE HAVE BEEN REPORTING ME AND EVEN
11 FRAUD-U-LATING MY INFORMATION AND FALSE ACCUSING ME AND
12 ALLEGATING OF A MENTALLY FALSE DEFAMATIONS WHICH HAVE CAUSING
13 ME AWAY FROM MY CHILDREN. AND MY CHILDREN WERE NEVER, THE
14 COURT SAID IN THE PAST THEY WOULD NEVER BE IN FOSTER HOMES OR
15 ADOPTED. WHICH THERE HAS BEEN HYPOCRISY BY THEM BY ALLOWING
16 THIS TO HAPPEN. AND IN KEEPING ME AWAY FROM MY CHILDRENS AND
17 EVEN TRYING TO MAKE ME BECOMING A HOMELESS PERSON, WHICH I
18 EVEN BEING IN A HOMELESS SHELTER, WHICH I HAD NEVER BEEN AWAY
19 FROM MY HOME AND BEEN WITH MY CHILDRENS AND MY FAMILY AND
20 WORKING FOR THEM FOR ALL THESE YEARS SINCE 1987 THAT I'VE BEEN
21 IN THIS COUNTRY AND ILLEGALLY AND WORKING HARD FOR THEM AND
22 HAVE BEEN MISTREATING ME, DISCRIMINATING ME EVERY TIME I GO TO
23 MAKE POLICE REPORT, THEY TELLING ME, OH NOTHING WE CAN DO.
24 IT'S THE D.C.F.S., CONTACT THEM. D.C.F.S. IGNORING ME, THE
25 SITUATION. AND I STILL HAVEN'T BEEN SEEING MY KIDS FOR OVER A



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1 YEAR AND BEEN AWAY FROM MY HOME SINCE 2007. AND SINCE I LIVED
2 IN GARDENA. AND THEN I WENT MOVED TO L.A. WHICH I HAVE BEEN
3 THE VICTIM OF WELFARE FRAUD AND I REPORTED THAT. AND EVER SO
4 ON I HAVE BEEN JUST BEING PERSECUTED AND AS A VICTIM. EVEN MR.
5 AGENER IS FRUSTRATED I WAS PERSON OF BEEN A VICTIM, NOT TO BE
6 PRESENTED. SO THEY HAVE NOT BEEN AWARE OF IT. PEOPLE HAVE BEEN
7 MISFOLDING MY INFORMATION SO THEY CAN BECOME RICH WITH MY
8 CASES, WHICH I HAVE BEEN THE VICTIM AND I HAVEN'T HAD A DIME
9 FROM THE CASES OR MY LOSSES OR MY CHILDRENS OR THESE GENERAL
10 DAMAGES THAT HAVE BEEN FOR SEVERAL YEARS AND AWAY FROM MY
11 CHILDRENS AS A VICTIM. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT IT'S A TERRIBLE
12 DAMAGES, PERMANENT FOR MY KIDS AND MYSELF.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU. WHERE DO YOU
15 RESIDE?

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17 **ROXANNA OLIVIA:** I'M RESIDING AT A FRIEND'S HOUSE THAT IS
18 ALLOWING ME TO STAY THERE.

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20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WHICH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
21 DO YOU LIVE IN?

22

23 **ROXANNA OLIVIA:** EXCUSE ME?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WHICH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT
2 ARE YOU RESIDING IN?

3

4 **ROXANNA OLIVIA:** THAT'S TEMPORARY. THE ADDRESS IS -- MY CURRENT
5 LICENSE IS 15013 SHELDON AVENUE. MY LICENSE STILL CURRENT. BUT
6 MY HOME ADDRESS IS PERMANENT, IS 345 SOUTH NEW HAMPSHIRE,
7 APARTMENT 115, [INAUDIBLE]

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** NEW HAMPSHIRE. IT IT WOULD BE
10 SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S OFFICES.

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12 **ROXANNA OLIVIA:** WHICH I HAVE SPOKEN ABOUT THIS BEFORE.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** I WOULD BRING THAT TO THE
15 SUPERVISOR'S ATTENTION.

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17 **ROXANNA OLIVIA:** AND I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO BRING THIS UP
18 IMPORTANT OF -- OF SHELTERS. THEY'RE JUST ONE MANY AND THEY
19 HAVE JUST BEEN HARASSING ME. NOT EVEN IN THE SHELTER THEY ARE
20 ALLOWING ME. BECAUSE I'M SUING EVERYWHERE THAT IT'S BEEN A
21 VICTIM.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** BRING THAT TO HER ATTENTION.
24 THANK YOU. YES, SIR.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** HI, MY NAME IS ERIC PREVEN. WE HAVE MET A NUMBER
2 OF TIMES HERE IN THIS FORUM. I FEEL VERY BADLY ABOUT HAVING TO
3 BE HERE YET AGAIN. BUT I AM HERE. AND I'M HERE TO REALLY ASK A
4 QUESTION OF MS. ORDIN, WITHOUT GETTING INTO THE MINUTIA OF THE
5 VARIOUS MATTERS. I WOULD LIKE MS. ORDIN, IF SHE WOULD, TO
6 CONSIDER REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DIRECTLY AS TO
7 HOW MUCH MONEY HAS BEEN ALLOTTED AND SPENT IN THE MATTER THAT
8 INVOLVES RUTH PREVEN'S CLAIM AGAINST THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES. THIS IS TO REFRESH YOUR MEMORY, MR. ANTONOVICH, AND
10 MR. KNABE, BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN A LAW FIRM FROM ORANGE COUNTY,
11 OR FROM LONG BEACH THAT HAS NOW BEEN ENGAGED BY THE COUNTY
12 COUNSEL. I MEAN THE GUY SEEMS LIKE HE'S COSTING A LOT OF
13 MONEY. I HAVE NO WAY OF KNOWING WHAT HE MIGHT BE COSTING. BUT
14 HE'S SUDDENLY SHOWN UP TO PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS PORTIONS OF
15 THE PROCEEDINGS THAT ARE BEING CONDUCTED WITH MY MOM. BUT THE
16 REASON WHY I THINK THAT MISS ORDIN SHOULD RESPOND TO THAT
17 QUESTION, OBVIOUSLY SHE COULD DO SO AT NEXT TUESDAY'S MEETING
18 OR IN ANY FORUM THAT SHE WANTS, IS BECAUSE TO ME AS A COUNTY
19 RESIDENT I'M TRULY AGHAST AT WHAT SEEMS TO BE A KIND OF
20 MISMANAGEMENT OF THE COUNTY'S RESOURCES AND A KIND OF ABUSE OF
21 PROCESS. AND MR. YAROSLAVSKY, I KNOW YOU HAVE PERSONALLY BEEN
22 INVOLVED IN, WELL, FOR ONE THING IN STATING THAT YOU DON'T
23 WANT TO REALLY WEIGH IN ON THE DETAILS, AND I RESPECT THAT.
24 AND OF COURSE OUR REQUEST TO HAVE YOU AS THE DISTRICT 3
25 SUPERVISOR HELP MEDIATE OR RESOLVE OUR CONFLICT, BECAUSE THE



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1 ANIMALS THAT RUTH PREVEN OWNS ARE COMPLETELY CONTROLLED AND
2 WE'VE AGREED ESSENTIALLY TO CONDITIONS UNDER WHICH THEY ARE
3 COMPLETELY MEETING. SO THE REASON WHY THESE LAWYERS ARE BEING
4 INVOLVED IS NOT EMINENTLY CLEAR TO ME. TO FORCE A 70-
5 SOMETHING-YEAR-OLD WOMAN AND HER HUSBAND TO PUT MUZZLES ON
6 ANIMALS WHEN THEY'RE ALREADY AGREEING TO DO SO SHOULD NOT BE
7 THE SUBJECT OF A LONG LITIGATION. AND AS YOU'VE HEARD ME SAY
8 MANY TIMES BEFORE AND YOU'LL HEAR ME SAY REGULARLY, WE ARE NOT
9 THE PEOPLE WHO WANT TO ENGAGE IN A LAWSUIT. MISS ORDIN HAS
10 REQUESTED THAT WE SUE HER. MISS REAGAN, DIANE REAGAN WHO SEEMS
11 TO BE THE RING LEADER. THEY'RE TWO COUNTY COUNSEL DIVISIONS.
12 THERE'S HEALTH SERVICES AND THERE'S GENERAL LITIGATION.
13 RICHARD MASON HANDLES HEALTH SERVICES WITH DIANE REAGAN. AND
14 ON THE OTHER SIDE IS RALPH RALPH RIZZADO, WHO INFORMED ME THAT
15 THE POWERS THAT BE WOULD HANDLE THIS MATTER. AND THAT WAS THE
16 AFTERNOON THAT THE ANIMAL CONTROL TRUCKS ROLLED OUT WITH NO
17 PROBABLE CAUSE. AND THIS IS THE REAL PROBLEM BECAUSE IT CAUSED
18 SUCH FEAR AND PANIC IN MY MOTHER OVER NO INCIDENT. THERE WAS A
19 WOMAN WHO MADE A STATEMENT THAT SHE SAW TWO DOGS AND A WOMAN.
20 SO IT'S KIND OF LIKE A WITCH TRIAL WHERE THEY'RE INCITING
21 ANXIETY AMONG THE RESIDENTS WHEN THE RESIDENTS WHO I HAVE
22 SPOKEN TO A NUMBER OF THE DECLARANTS HAVE SAID THAT THEY DON'T
23 WANT THE ANIMALS TO BE IMPOUNDED. THEY JUST WANT THE
24 CONDITIONS THAT MISS PREVEN IS MEETING. SO THE IDEA THAT WE'RE
25 CONTINUE WITH A LONG LITIGATION.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** OKAY. THANK YOU. WE
3 UNDERSTAND. THANK YOU. THANK YOU. MR. SACHS?

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5 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. I WOULD
6 LIKE TO ADDRESS THERE'S A COUPLE OF COMMENTARIES IN TODAY'S
7 "DAILY BREEZE." ONE IS WRITTEN BY BISHOP GREGORY L. DIXON,
8 JEAN HALE AND MAYOR DANIEL TABOR AND THEY DISCUSS THE CRENSHAW
9 LINE. BUT WHAT THEY ALSO DISCUSS IS MORE THAN A QUARTER
10 CENTURY AGO, LOS ANGELES MAYOR TOM BRADLEY, CONGRESSMAN JULIAN
11 DIXON AND THEN STATE SENATOR DIANE WATSON CHAMPIONED THE IDEA
12 OF A RAIL LINE LINKING THE CRENSHAW DISTRICT TO A TRANSIT
13 NETWORK SPREAD ACROSS L.A. COUNTY. AND WHAT HAPPENED TO THAT
14 PLAN 25 YEARS AGO? WHY HAS IT SO DRASTICALLY CHANGED? AND NOT
15 ONLY HAS IT DRASTICALLY CHANGED, BUT THE AMOUNT OF MONEY
16 THAT'S BEEN POURED INTO IT IS ASTRONOMICAL. AND THE MAYOR HAS
17 CHAMPIONED THE IDEA THAT THE RESIDENTS OF L.A. PASSED MEASURE
18 R BECAUSE THEY WERE STARVED TO DEATH FOR SOME TRANSIT RELIEF.
19 THIS IS WHY THEY PASSED IT. BUT NOW THE SAME LEADERSHIP IS
20 LOOKING TO LICK THEIR CHOPS BECAUSE THEY'RE GOING TO GET
21 ALMOST 30, MAYBE TO \$40 BILLION IN MORE MONEY. IT JUST DOESN'T
22 MAKE SENSE THAT MORE PEOPLE AREN'T AWARE OF WHAT EXACTLY ARE
23 INVOLVED IN THESE TRANSIT PLANS. THAT BEING SAID, THE METRO
24 MEETING ON THURSDAY THIS WEEK, THERE'S GOING TO BE AN
25 APPOINTEE CONSIDERED FOR ONE OF THE M.T.A. GOVERNANCE COUNCIL



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1 MEETINGS, GOVERNANCE COUNCILS. AND I REALLY HAVE NEITHER HERE
2 NOR THERE ON THE FACT OF WHAT HER BACKGROUND IS EXCEPT FOR THE
3 FACT THAT SHE'S ON HER RESUME A MEMBER OF THE TRANSIT
4 COALITION. AND I HAVE A REAL PROBLEM WITH THIS GROUP. BECAUSE
5 WHEN THE BOARD MET IN MARCH 25 OF THIS YEAR TO ALLOCATE FUNDS
6 FOR THE PHASE 2 OF THE FOOTHILL EXTENSION, THEY ALLOCATED THE
7 FUNDS TO THE BLUE LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY. YOU CAN LAUGH,
8 THAT'S FINE. THE PROBLEM BEING THAT THE TRANSIT COALITION IN
9 THEIR NEWSLETTER WROTE THAT THE FUNDS WERE ALLOCATED TO THE
10 GOLD LINE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY, SPECIFICALLY THE GOLD LINE
11 CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AS THE FOLLOW-UP NEWSLETTER FOR THE
12 TRANSIT COALITION STATED. THAT'S A LIE. SO WHY WOULD YOU
13 APPOINT SOMEBODY WHOSE BENEFIT IS TO PROGRAM LYING.

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15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR.
16 SACHS. THANK YOU. OKAY. WE HAVE THE MOTION THAT HAS COME BACK
17 ON SECTION 7. DO WE WANT TO READ THAT IN THE -- AS COUNTY
18 COUNSEL RELATIVE TO THE ITEM THAT'S ON THE AGENDA?

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20 **ANDREA ORDIN, COUNSEL:** YES, THIS IS THE AMENDMENT TO THE
21 ORDINANCE FOR TITLE 22, THE FIRE CODE. WE HAVE, AS YOU KNOW,
22 FROM THE ORIGINAL MOTION, THERE ARE SIX MAIN SECTIONS. SECTION
23 6 ADDS TO CHAPTER 1 SECTION A 105-6473, WE ARE GOING TO ADD TO
24 THAT MOTION SECTION 7. SECTION 7 WILL READ "THIS ORDINANCE
25 SHALL ONLY BECOME OPERATIVE UPON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE



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1 CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT'S PUBLIC SAFETY AND FILM
2 UNIT FIELD INSPECTION PROGRAM AS DOCUMENTED BY A MEMORANDUM
3 FROM THE FIRE CHIEF TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD OF
4 SUPERVISORS."

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6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MEMORANDUM HAS PREVIOUSLY BEEN WRITTEN?

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8 **ANDREA ORDIN:** NO. THIS IS ONCE THE SPOT CHECK COMES INTO
9 EFFECT, THEN THE FIRE CHIEF WILL THEN DELIVER A MEMORANDUM TO
10 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE. AND THE ORDINANCE AS OUTLINED IN THE
11 FIRST SIX SECTIONS WILL THEN BE OPERATIVE.

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13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL MOVE IT.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** MOTION TO SECOND, WITHOUT
16 OBJECTION?

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18 **SUP. KNABE:** NO OBJECTION. I JUST WANT CLARIFICATION.

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20 **ANDREA ORDIN:** SURE.

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22 **SUP. KNABE:** A MEMO VERSUS IMPLEMENTATION. DISTINGUISH THE
23 DIFFERENCE. I MEAN DELIVERING A MEMO TO THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
24 DOESN'T NECESSARILY IMPLEMENT THE PROGRAM.

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1 **ANDREA ORDIN:** THAT'S GOING TO BE WHAT WE WILL RELY UPON TO SAY
2 THAT THE PROGRAM HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT SAYS UPON IMPLEMENTATION.

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6 **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY, ALL RIGHT. JUST TO MAKE SURE.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, CHAIR PRO TEM:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.
9 OKAY. EXECUTIVE SESSION.

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11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,
12 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL
13 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. CS-1, CONFERENCE
14 WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING SIGNIFICANT EXPOSURE TO
15 LITIGATION, ONE CASE, AND ITEM NO. CS-2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL
16 COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING LEGAL LITIGATION AS POSTED ON THE
17 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR
18 MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS IS SCHEDULED FOR
19 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2010, AT 9:30 A.M. THANK YOU.

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